

Thatcher
'idolatry'
reaps
wrath of
Durham

By Colin Brown.
Political Reporter

THE BISHOP of Durham yesterday described Mrs Thatcher's belief in the free market as a common form of idolatry which hit hardest at the worst-off in society.

The Right Reverend David Jenkins was attacking the Transport Bill during his second reading in the Lords. "There is a quaint and faintly archaic air of unreality which pervades the bill with nostalgia. This nostalgia, if it exists, is of horridly busy little men and women who set up local empires of one or two-man bus companies," he said.

"Surely this is a romantic dream which can only be legislated for by persons in the grip of a strong, oversimplified faith — I am not in favour of an oversimplified faith."

Supporters of the bill, designed to speed up local bus services to private competition, were naive in their view of competition and the profits which it was forecast would result from the changes.

There were "grave grounds for disquiet about this bill, a disquiet which is sketch, page 2; Politics, page 1."

moral, political and practical. The Government should think again and slow up the timetable for implementation.

The Bishop's views reminded the political row over his appointment and are likely to incense his Conservative critics, some of whom called for his resignation during the miners' strike.

Mrs Thatcher's supporters were certain to be offended by the suggestion that the principle behind the bill was a "common form of idolatry."

He said that moral disquiet lay behind the valid questions which could be put to the bill's proponents. Were they putting their faith in a simplified view of the market and asking that faith to bear more than it could or should bear?

"It does seem to be a very naive and almost certainly false faith. When it is used to refute or ignore serious arguments about transport as a public service and social service and the need for local subsidisation, it does come to look dangerously like idolatry."

He asked why the Government was deregulating and deregulating the serious attempts which had already been made in areas like Tyne and Wear to get co-ordinated bus services.

The bill, which has already passed all stages in the Commons, also scraps road licensing, except in London and

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Bishop Jenkins... 'archaic air of unreality'

Judge attacks use of bullets
instead of riot equipmentS. Africa
carnage
blamed
on police

From Patrick Laurence
in Johannesburg

The deliberate withholding of standard riot equipment and the issuing of bullets and cartridges may well have led to the death of 20 blacks at the hands of South African police in Uitenhage, Eastern Cape Province on March 21, the judge who inquired into the incident reported yesterday.

The shooting at a crowd on its way to a funeral for riot victims, was the worst incident in the unrest, which has claimed 400 lives in the past 18 months.

Mr Justice Donald Kannev Meyer also said in his report that police evidence which described the crowd as heavily armed with knives and sticks was exaggerated, while the police assertion that they were attacked by a hail of stones was a fabrication.

"The inevitable conclusion is that the stone attack... was fabricated in order, in part, to justify the shooting," he said.

Sixteen of the dead and most of the 27 reported in-

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jured were shot from behind, indicating that the firing to stop the crowd went on longer than necessary.

He said the police armoured vehicle patrols which encountered the crowd of blacks were issued with sharp ammunition for their rifles and side arms and heavy calibre cartridges for their shotguns but not with the "standard riot control equipment" or bird shot, rubber bullets and teargas.

The non-issue of standard equipment was the result of a deliberate policy and a matter of "grave concern," he said, adding: "had proper equipment been available, the gathering may well have been dispersed with little or no harm to the persons involved."

The report concluded that no sinister inferences could be drawn from the inaccurate statements made to Parliament on the day of the shooting by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange.

A second vital factor leading to the shooting was the confusion caused by the unnecessary ban-

ning "on doubtful grounds" of the funerals of earlier un-

rest victims. Mr Justice Kannev Meyer said.

Funerals originally planned for the Sunday, March 17, were banned and scheduled for Thursday, March 21, only to be banned again and postponed to the next Sunday.

"Not only was the confusion caused by the conflicting orders a likely source of frustration and resentment but the final order was obtained in an improper way," he said.

"The attitude adopted by the police towards the funerals of people who have died as a result of police action should be reviewed as a matter of urgency," the judge added.

Police in an armoured vehicle under the command of Warrant Officer Jacobus Pentz were criticised by Judge Kannev Meyer for taunting the crowd and challenging it to throw stones before it started out on its march.

Judge Kannev Meyer concluded that the crowd was not intent on attacking whites in Uitenhage, as alleged by police witnesses.

Of police descriptions of the weapons carried by the crowd, he said: "The only weapons left on the scene (after police opened fire) were a piece of wood, a pick handle and a length of iron."

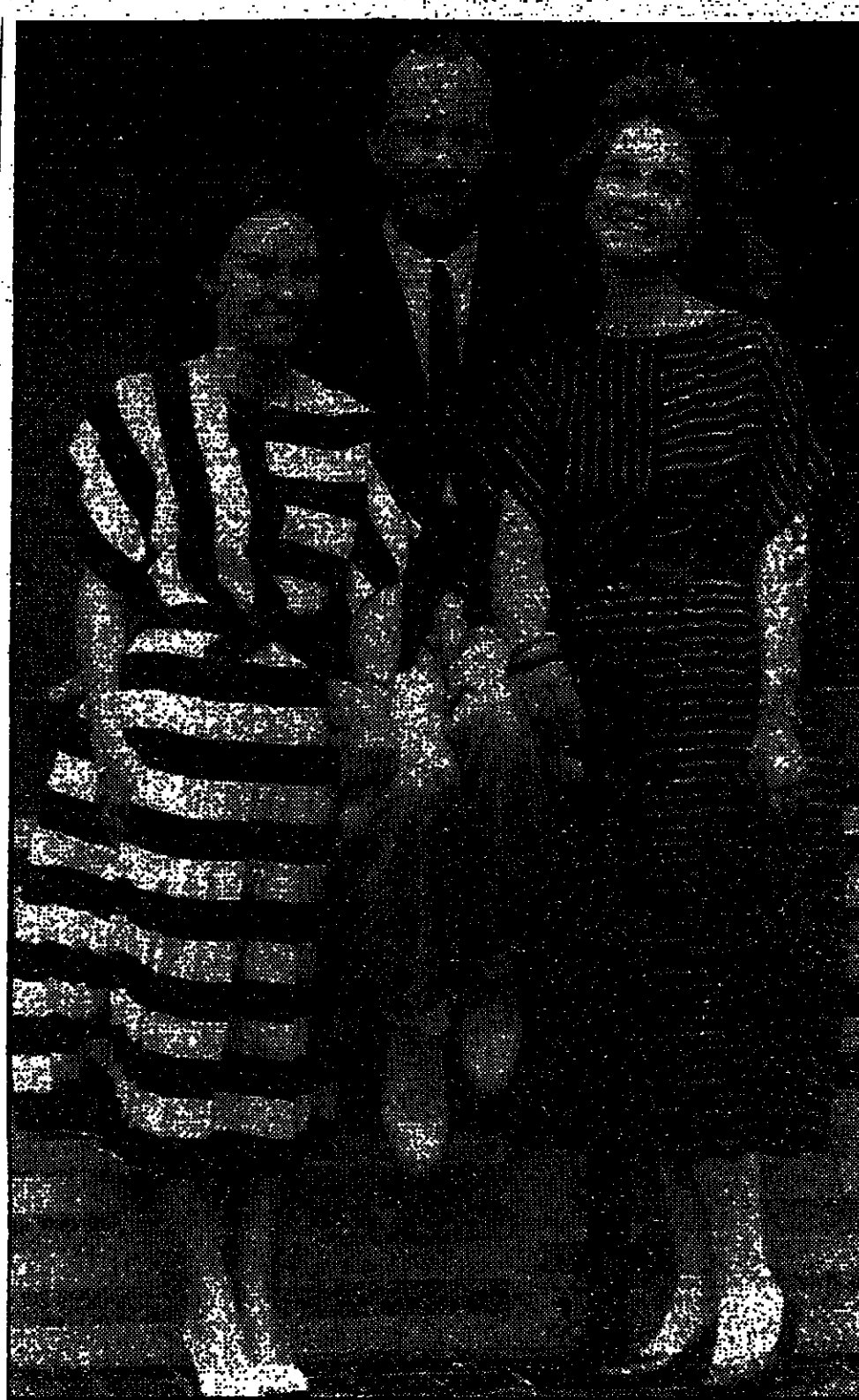
Rejecting the police evidence that they had been subjected to a rain of stones, he noted that not a single member of the crowd of the two armoured vehicles had been hit.

He refused, however, from criticising the police officer in charge, Lieutenant John Fouché, for his decision to open fire.

When the marching crowd was intercepted by police sections of it were chanting a song about killing whites, partly as a result of the earlier provocative remarks by the police under Warrant Officer Pentz.

Responding to the report, the Ministry of Law and Order noted that Mr Justice Kannev Meyer had dismissed allegations that 43 people had been killed, that police had improperly disposed of bodies and shot injured people, and that a babe-in-arms had been killed.

It said a police board of inquiry had been set up



CITY SLICKERS: Stock Exchange guides Teresa Harris, left, and Pamela Allen, parade their summer outfits designed by Roland Klein, centre. A silk jacket, shoes and belt complete the look. Picture by Gary Weaver

25 agents freed
at Berlin
crossing in
biggest spy swap

From Anna Tatarova
in Bonn

America yesterday traded four convicted Soviet spies for 25 Western agents held in the East in the biggest East-West spy exchange since the war.

The exchange, in the middle of Glienicke Bridge, which divides West Berlin from East Germany and is used by the Western Allies for access to their military missions in Potsdam, followed three years of negotiations in which the Soviet Union took part. A senior US official said in West Berlin yesterday.

Two of the 25 Western agents released had remained behind in East Germany "to sort out personal matters," but could come to the West soon.

The 23 who came across and who were imprisoned in East Germany and Poland included 17 Germans, some of whom served life terms. The four East bloc agents released by the US were two Germans, one Pole, and a Bulgarian.

The US Assistant Secretary for European Affairs and an ambassador-designate to Bonn, Mr Richard Burt, was at the bridge when the 23 prisoners were driven up and boarded a US military coach which took them to the West.

Asked about the mood of the released East Germans and Poles after the exchange, a senior US official commented: "They were very happy people indeed."

The four East bloc spies, two of whom were convicted for working for the KGB, crossed into East Germany after flying from America overnight.

The two East Germans were named as Alice Mickelsen, a 67-year-old grandmother, sentenced to 10 years on espionage charges last year, and Alfred Zehle, serving a 10-year term. The other two were Marian Zaslavski, a Pole, sen-

tenced to life imprisonment in 1961, and Penya Kostadinov, a Bulgarian serving a 10-year term.

Mrs Mickelsen, was arrested on October 1 last year, moments before she was to leave the United States with a batch of classified cables recorded on tape given to her by a US army intelligence officer who pretended to be a traitor. On June 3, in a secret court session in New York that she requested, she pleaded guilty to a charge of aiding and abetting an attempt by a foreign government to obtain US military secrets and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

But the sentence was later reduced to five years' probation, and she was ordered not to return to the United States.

Glienke Bridge, also called the Bridge of Unity, was the scene in 1962 of the spectacular exchange between Colonel Rudolf Abel, the top Soviet atomic spy, and Gary Powers, the American U2 spy plane pilot shot down over the Soviet Union.

The last major East-West spy exchange in Europe took place on the East-West German border in May, 1982. It involved the release of eight Germans who were imprisoned for espionage in the Eastern bloc.

Their release was originally negotiated in connection with the handing over to East Germany in 1981 of Guenter Guillaume, the one-time aide of the former West German Chancellor, Mr Willy Brandt, whose unmasking as an East German agent caused Mr Brandt's resignation in 1974.

But when it took place the 1982 exchange involved Soviet Major Alexi Koslov, imprisoned in South Africa, whose release in return for Guillaume fell through because of South African complaints about premature publicity.

Yesterday's exchange, however, turned out to be a col-

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Police computer lists five million 'criminal' names

By James Naughtie,
Chief Political Correspondent

A new dispute over the national police computer broke out at Westminster last night when published figures revealed the extent of its records.

Written parliamentary answers from the Home Office showed that in May 4,974,479 people were listed under the criminal names index and that more than 3.5 million sets of fingerprints were on file.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokes-

man, said last night: "This is extremely disturbing. We want to know whose names are on the list, whether they have been convicted and how long these records are kept."

The Home Office said that the "criminal names" index was restricted to those convicted of serious offences and that people acquitted by the courts were removed. Those awaiting trial on serious charges have their names listed.

A spokesman said that the index was needed regularly to remove those whose offences were committed long ago. However, the first publication of

the size of the computer's indexes is bound to start a bout of detailed questioning from the opposition about the guidelines used by police in deciding which names to keep on file and which to remove.

The Home Office said last night that it would be unfair to present the figures as meaning that about one person in 10 was listed in the criminal names index at any given moment, since there was a regular weeding.

However, the scope of the indexes was worrying Labour MPs, and ministers can expect a host of detailed questions about the rules under which

police officers have access to them and the safeguards used to ensure that the names of the innocent are not mistakenly kept on file after acquittal.

The series of answers, to Mr Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leighton, said that the entries in the various indexes on the computer were as follows on May 18: stolen and suspect vehicles, 249,620; chassis engine and plant numbers, 542,713; vehicle owners, 35,610,660; criminal names, 4,974,479; fingerprints, 3,512,434; convictions, 467,577; wanted and missing persons, 106,689; and disqualified drivers, 288,436.

Malcolm Dean adds: About 600,000 people are found guilty or cautioned for an indictable (serious) offence every year. Another 500,000 are found guilty of summary (less serious) offences and more than one million convicted of summary motoring offences.

Only the indictable offences will usually be placed on the computer but within 10 years this means five million or more names have been collected. Mr Derek McClintock, the Edinburgh criminologist, estimated that one man in every three will be convicted during his lifetime.

Kremlin rebuffs Salt approach

From Martin Walker
in Moscow

The Kremlin last night condemned President Reagan's conditional acceptance of the Salt II treaty in tough, blunt language which recalls the cruellest days of the Cold War.

The official statement described President Reagan's statement as "a formula to obscure his real intention of gradually withdrawing from the Salt treaty, and dismantling one by one all of the arms control agreements jointly reached during the 1970s."

The official statement issued in Moscow last night by the Foreign Ministry chief spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, went on to accuse President

Reagan of having concocted "a pretext to accelerate the implementation of the long-planned US rearmament programme."

If President Reagan had intended his conditional acceptance of Salt II as a concession to the Soviet Union and an attempt to give the stalled Geneva talks a new momentum, he was given the crudest of rebuffs yesterday.

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Propaganda on the
rates under fire

By John Carvel,
Political Correspondent

The Government is planning legislation in the next session of Parliament aimed against political advertising by Labour-controlled councils.

The cabinet has agreed to provide time for the legislation in a local government bill which will also ban councils from blacklisting contractors who have links with South Africa or do business with nuclear defence establishments.

Ministers, who believe that the GLC's £10 million propaganda offensive is largely responsible for the unpopularity of the abolition bill, intend to take immediate action on the interim report of the

Widdicombe committee on local government ethics.

This report has not yet been written and will not be delivered to the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, until the end of July. The Government is convinced, however, that it will provide enough ammunition against the behaviour of some Labour

councils to justify urgent action.

The bill's attack on political advertising is aimed particularly at councils such as Peterborough and the London borough of Southwark, which blacklisted firms for business connections with Ministry of Defence nuclear establishments.

The Department of the Environment has collected a dossier of councils which it believes are involved in such activity. It includes Leicester City, Middlesbrough, Lancashire and the London boroughs of Lewisham, Brent and Lambeth, which the DOE believes have vetted firms on the basis of links with South Africa and Liverpool, Durham, Lincoln and Bolsover which the DOE believes threatened discrimination against firms for crossing miners' picket lines.

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From Reuters in Beirut

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IN BRIEFChildren
killed

TWENTY Israeli children died when their bus collided with a train. Page 7.

PM admission

MANY National Insurance contributions will rise as a result of the abolition of the state pension scheme. Mrs Thatcher admitted in angry Commons exchanges with Mr Kinnoch, the Labour leader, back page.

Closed trial

THE TRIAL of seven servicemen accused of betraying secrets to Russian agents while based in Cyprus went into closed session at the Old Bailey.

Hazard silence

A FIVE-year-old report which said that the Bradford football ground was a hazard was not passed to the fire brigade. Page 2.

Defiant Lambeth

LAMBETH council in London says it will still refuse to set a rate despite warning letters but the rebels at Liverpool are to hold a budget meeting on Friday. Page 2;

Mengele 'proof'

MR ROLF Mengele broke a family silence to insist that the body exhumed in Brazil was that of his father, Josef, Page 6.

Takeover fees

THE TAKEOVER panel, the City-funded watchdog, may charge companies for its services ahead of changes in investor protection arrangements. Page 20.

Care snags

THE 'new hope' community mental health centres have snags shown up in the US experience, reports Society Tomorrow. Page 11.

Hardline Star

THE Communist Party accepts it has lost control of the Morning Star to the hard-line faction. Page 2.

Chelsea manager

JOHN HOLLINS, the Chelsea coach, was appointed manager. Page 24.

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NEWS
IN BRIEFBlockade
miners
sentenced

FOURTEEN South Wales miners who occupied cranes at Port Talbot docks to block American coal being unloaded during the pit strike were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, at Swansea Crown Court yesterday.

They had all admitted unlawful assembly. Another 87 miners facing charges in connection with the incident are due in court next Tuesday.

Their pleas will be taken and it is expected that they will be dealt with in batches of 20 during a two-week period.

During the occupation at the end of last August, 103 miners were arrested. One has since died.

Woman, 45, has
Legion disease

A CASE of Legionnaires' disease has been confirmed in a 45-year-old woman at the Maudsley Hospital in Walsall, west Midlands.

A regional health authority spokesman said: "Her general condition is described as very poor and she has suffered a cardiac arrest and is being treated in the intensive care unit. It is likely this is a sporadic case."

Shi'ites still held
over alleged plot

EIGHT Shi'ite Muslims who are expected to be deported were still being held at Paddington Green top security police station in west London last night after questioning over an alleged plot to destabilise the government of Bahrain.

They were understood to have been questioned about terrorist acts in Bahrain where Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran is supporting Shi'ite revolutionaries.

Naval schools
to be closed

THREE land-based naval training schools and a Royal Marines barracks, all in the Portsmouth area, are to be closed, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday.

They are the school of seamanship and mine warfare at HMS Vernon, the fire-fighting school at HMS Phoenix, the communications training school at HMS Mercury, near Petersfield, and the barracks at Eastney. Much of the work will go to HMS Excellent at Whale Island.

Yearling sale
decision reversed

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday reversed a decision until Wednesday in the damages claim against the bloodstock auctioneers, Tattersalls, who deny that they negligently sold a colt of the 1982 sale in which Sulistash, a yearling colt, was knocked down for 430,000 guineas, only for the "buyer" to deny making the final bid.

The colt's original owners, Alchemy International, claim 230,000 guineas damages — the difference between the first price and the 200,000 guineas Sulistash eventually fetched at another sale. Alchemy also claim damages from a professional gambler, James Flood, who repurchased the 430,000 guinea bid.

Worcester plans
mini-bus service

A £1 MILLION scheme to provide Worcester with an entirely mini-bus service from autumn was announced yesterday by Midland Red West.

It plans a fleet of 400 mini-buses, each with 21 seats and standing room for six passengers and hopes to create 80 jobs for drivers. The buses would run every three to eight minutes instead of the 15 to 25 minutes at present.

Engineer made
Imperial rector

A LEADING electrical engineer, Professor Eric Ash, has been appointed Rector of Imperial College, London from September 1, when the present rector, Lord Flowers, takes over as Vice-Chancellor of London University.

Professor Ash, who is 57, is the Pender Professor of Electrical Engineering and head of department at University College, London. He was an undergraduate and post-graduate at Imperial College.

London taxi
fares rise 8 pc

LONDON taxi fares are to rise by an average 8.2 per cent next month, the Transport Secretary Mr Nicholas Ridley, said yesterday.

OBITUARY

Swedish P.M.

FORMER Swedish prime minister Tage Erlander died at Stockholm yesterday, aged 84. Obituary, page 6.

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Long legal path of sacked miner cleared by court

"Misconduct" claimed the NCB, "victimisation" claimed the NUM. Peter Hetherington reports

ARTHUR Oxley, the pit delegate at Vane Tempest Colliery, Durham, this week received official notice from the North-east area National Coal Board that he will not be re-employed.

The one sentence message — given before the Commons employment committee urged the board to review the cases of 599 miners sacked for alleged misconduct — offered no explanation.

Mr Oxley was dismissed 20 minutes after returning to work on March 5, two days after the strike ended.

The manager said he had information — apparently from a private security firm — that Mr Oxley, aged 35, had been charged with a breach of the peace. It was area policy, said the manager, to dismiss miners in such circumstances.

At Seaham magistrates'

court on May 22, Mr Oxley, father of three girls, aged from four to six, was found not guilty.

Until a few days ago he was feeling cautiously confident of being re-employed — something different from reinstatement, which allows men to keep service benefits and pension rights.

Se-employed men — few are reinstated in the North-east, for even minor coal-picking offences — return at the bottom of the ladder.

Mr Oxley refuses to give up hope, but must now claim unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal.

The episode illustrates the ever-widening gap between some statements from senior Coal Board officials on the issue of reinstatement or re-employment and the reality.

Mr Michael Eaton, the NCB spokesman, says that men will not be taken back where violence and intimidation took place.

In Mr Oxley's case there is no suggestion of either. Colleagues insist that he was singled out as a union activist.

"Nobody can have a better case than me," he insists. "I've every confidence of

winning at a tribunal but if the board cannot see it to take me back, what are they going to do to the borderline cases?"

"I thought the board would have no option but to be lenient after the case, but it's obvious they do not believe in natural justice or the law of the land. They're just out to victimise people."

His wife, Christine, says:

"They wanted rid of him. There was no violence at the pit. He may make an ideal test case for a tribunal — I'm sure he'll win — but I think the board would rather give compensation than give him his job back."

One North-east tribunal has upheld a coke worker's unfair dismissal claim — both parties were given four weeks to reach an agreement.

Yesterday the area director, Mr Harold Taylor, offered to transfer 573 of the 810 workforce, and offered early retirement to the rest.

At the nearby Brookhouse colliery, scheduled to close at the same time, the board also offered transfers to 523 of the 668 men.

Unions were later considering reports of conditions at both collieries by their own mining engineers.

The fight to save the Cortonwood colliery, near Barnsley, which triggered the national miners' strike 15 months ago, appeared to be approaching an end yesterday when the National Coal Board offered to transfer the majority of the miners to nearby collieries.

Two weeks ago the board's South Yorkshire area announced that the pit would close — subject to the current review procedure in the industry — by end of the year.



MONUMENT TO SECURITY: Two men and a dog behind the fence at Stonehenge, designed to keep out the hippies whose camp was sealed off by police.

Teenager stabbed policeman during raid
at sweetshop for £7 to buy cannabis

A teenager stabbed and nearly killed a policeman while stealing £7 from a shop to buy cannabis, an Old Bailey court heard yesterday.

Christopher Ogletton, aged 17, used a 12-inch butcher's knife to stab a local job training course, said Mr Julian Bevan, prosecuting.

PC George Hammond, aged 48, disturbed Ogletton as he snatched cash at a sweetshop in Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, London.

"In the struggle that followed, the officer was stabbed in the stomach, and slumped to the ground," said Mr Bevan. Ogletton ran off with £7.

PC Hammond had four operations and received 250 pints of blood, but lost both kidneys and will need dialysis for the rest of his life. He is still in hospital, with constant nursing.

Ogletton, of Lacey Road, Dulwich, south London, yesterday admitted wounding PC Hammond and robbery.

He told police: "I am sorry it happened — I wish the clock could be turned back."

Mr Bevan said Ogletton was

training to be a chef, and had no previous convictions. He had gone out, carrying the knife and partially masked with a scarf, intent on robbery.

Ogletton went into a shop owned by Mr Kantil Patel, produced the knife and ordered him to open the till. Ogletton took the money, at which point PC Hammond came in.

Known to Mr Patel and others locally simply as "George," he was not in full uniform and was not instantly recognisable as a policeman.

After the stabbing, Ogletton ran off, "clutching the proceeds of his crime — £7," while Mr Patel called an ambulance, said Mr Bevan.

Mr Bevan said that Ogletton at first denied responsibility, but then admitted his guilt.

Ogletton, said Mr Bevan, then added: "Me and the officer started to scuffle. All I can remember is my right hand went forward and it went into his stomach."

Asked why he had stabbed him, Ogletton replied: "I was frightened. I just wanted to get away. He later threw the knife and clothing away."

Ogletton told police that he had spent the money on bus fares and bought a drink and cigarettes, said Mr Bevan.

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saying he wanted some quick cash to buy cannabis, on which he spent £10 a week. He was earning £26 a week, and was due to be paid the next day.

"He took the knife he had been given in the course of his training, thinking his robbery victim would surrender without quarrel. He said he had taken it 'so he would not be in trouble'."

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training to be a chef, and had no previous convictions. He had gone out, carrying the knife and partially masked with a scarf, intent on robbery.

Ogletton went into a shop owned by Mr Kantil Patel, produced the knife and ordered him to open the till. Ogletton took the money, at which point PC Hammond came in.

Known to Mr Patel and others locally simply as "George," he was not in full uniform and was not instantly recognisable as a policeman.

After the stabbing, Ogletton ran off, "clutching the proceeds of his crime — £7," while Mr Patel called an ambulance, said Mr Bevan.

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Hearing on
Sinn Fein
exclusion

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A UNIONIST-DOMINATED local authority in Northern Ireland claimed in court yesterday that it had the right to exclude Sinn Fein members because they would use council proceedings to further the aims of the IRA.

In a test case at the Belfast High Court a barrister representing Craigavon district council argued that the authority was entitled to turn over all day-to-day business of the council to a committee which omits Sinn Fein.

Mr Michael Lavery, QC, for the authority, said that Sinn Fein fully supported the violence of the IRA and so it was not unreasonable for the council to regulate its business in such a way as to deny comfort to an illegal organisation.

At yesterday's hearing, which arose from an action by Sinn Fein to have the council's manoeuvre declared illegal, it emerged that two councillors in Craigavon had been convicted of terrorist offences.

Mr Brendan Corran was jailed for 15 years in 1975 for possession of a bomb and conspiring to cause an explosion.

Mr Brian McCann was given six years in 1971 for possession of explosives and arms. The convictions do not disqualify the men from becoming councillors.

Mr Brian Kerr, QC, for Corran and McCann, said that the action of the majority Unionist group on the council was illegal, unreasonable and unfair. He maintained that by excluding the Sinn Fein members it had exceeded its powers, acted contrary to its standing orders, and was motivated solely by political opposition to Sinn Fein.

Sinn Fein was not a proscribed organisation and the two men had been properly elected.

Mr Justice Hutton reserved his decision until next week. It will be awaited eagerly by the other 16 local authorities in the province with Sinn Fein representation.

● The IRA said yesterday that it will shoot contractors and sub-contractors involved in building a new police station in Londonderry if they do not stop work.

Launching a briefing guide which recommends an "all hazards" approach, Mr Neil Thorne, Tory MP for Ilford South and the council's chairman, said: "There is no doubt that somewhere in the world in the next 10 years a terrorist will use either a nuclear device or biological or chemical weapons to back up his demands."

The guide's author, Mr Tony Hibbert, a former paratrooper who says he is a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, described terrorist use of chemical or biological weapons as "a significant probability."

Any country manufacturing fertilisers could produce nerve gases, he added.

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Tax incentives
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By Paul Hoyland, Welsh Correspondent

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Peter Rees, warned yesterday that the key to tax cuts lay in savings in public spending.

He told the Welsh Tories annual conference in Llandudno: "There are those who say that people no longer want tax cuts; that they would rather the Government spent more and more. I don't believe it. I still believe people do want to keep more of what they earn to spend how they like."

"We must keep up the pressure for savings in public expenditure where we can find them without damaging essential services because the only true way to tax cuts is by the economy in government that you practice at home and in business."

Tax allowances were 20 per cent higher in real terms than in 1979 and the Government's review of social security would mean help would be targeted on those in real need.

Rumblings of discontent emerged at the conference as delegates unanimously approved a motion urging the Government to press forward with measures to invigorate the economy and create more

jobs by reforming the tax and social security systems.

Mrs Susan Jones, of the Montgomery association, said the number out of work was "a reproach to us all. I cannot believe that unemployment cannot be reduced. Not only is it heartbreaking in individual terms, it is a vote loser in the next election. It is a time for bold measures."

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, told delegates that the Opposition parties did not expect to hold power in the foreseeable future, judging by their foreign policies.

Labour's attitude often bordered on the frivolous and their only consistent response was a "knee jerk anti-Americanism."

The Liberal and SDP parties were divided and confused with their policies ranging from the responsible to the eccentric.

In the wake of the Brighton bombing last year security for the conference was the tightest seen in the principality since the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969.

Policemen stood on guard outside hotels along the seafront, roads were closed and delegates with special passes were subject to electronic checks.

Labour has replaced the Conservatives as the biggest local authority group on the Burnham Committee, which negotiates teachers' pay. Changes in membership of the Association of County Councils after the May elections county council mean that Labour now has 13 members on the management panel, and the Conservatives six or seven.

The teachers can now expect more sympathy from the employers' team, but not much more money. The Government calls the financial time and Labour and Conservative-controlled authorities alike are saying that they cannot pay teachers much, if anything, more than the 5 per cent already offered.

An intense debate is going on within the Labour Party, at national and local level. In principle, members support the teachers' claim for a substantial increase; in practice, they cannot pay.

One way out might be to pay a large increase and finance it by sacking large numbers of teachers or other local government staff, but no Labour authorities are keen to take that road.

The most likely outcome of the new political balance on Burnham is that the Labour group will push forward slightly improved offer which the teachers will reject. Negotiations will turn on the credibility of the local authorities to achieve in promises of maintaining pressure on Government for some longer-term pay deal.

One more attempt to persuade the Government to release more money for the teachers will be made on Monday when Labour members of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities meet Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary. No-one is expecting any change in his stand on a per cent maximum for this year.

The AMA representation on the management panel is eight Labour and two Conservative. The Association of County Councils will now have five Labour representatives and, depending on the outcome of current negotiations, five or six Conservatives, but the Department of Education has a veto on the total amount of any offer.

The council, which claims all-party support as well as the support of CND members, also argues that the Government's "stay put" policy after nuclear attack is unrealistic.

Evacuation will take place whether one wants it or not, and the Government has got to be prepared for it," Mr Thorne said.

The council says civil defence is needed to prepare for industrial disasters and even railway accidents. It argues that civil defence volunteers, and not only police or troops, should help to maintain order after an attack.

More attention, it adds, should be paid to providing adequate facilities for the population as a whole rather than only to control centres.

If the nuclear winter theory is proven, it argues, all-out nuclear exchange would be mass mutual suicide. "By reducing the number of weapons and by cutting out urban targets, the nuclear winter danger is reduced and deterrence therefore remains credible," the council says.

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Advice to
airports

The Government was considering measures to compensate home owners affected by the expansion of airports, the aviation minister, Mr Michael Spicer, said yesterday.

The plan would allow airports such as Stansted, in Essex, to offer compensation for loss in value or to purchase homes with the owner's consent. The Government was also considering allowing owners of "noise-blighted" property to require an airport to purchase their home, added Mr Spicer.

"These measures will need to be combined with imaginative and sensible planning to ensure that the development of an airport like Stansted should not result in green belt-snapping urban sprawl," he added.

A coming ban on older, noisy jets and a new generation of quieter aircraft, coupled with existing noise prevention measures, would make airports more acceptable to people who live around them.

Aviation was vital to Britain, and airports and airlines provided 85,000 jobs.

Until now the unit, which was set up 30 years ago to look at crime has ignored immigration and has been prevented from examining the sentencing policy of the courts by the opposition of the

Judges. Oxford researchers were due to examine sentencing policy four years ago. But the programme was stopped by the Lord Chief Justice at the end of an initial pilot study. Since then some of the judges' anxieties have been resolved. The proposed study would look at

the "sentencing tariff" of the crown court.

There is even more emphasis in this year's programme on studying the effectiveness and efficiency of the

Crusade against name of pub

By Tom Sharritt

A PUBLIC house is likely to change its name after more than 100 years because the British Red Cross Society says that it is breaking the Geneva Convention.

The Red Cross public house at Skerton, Lancashire, could have had its name since the time of the Crusades. However, article 44 of the first Geneva Convention restricts use of the words "Red Cross" and the emblem to medical units or establishments and national Red Cross societies.

Section six of the Geneva Conventions Act, 1957, prohibits their use without permission of the defence council unless they were part of a registered trade mark before July 31 that year.

A branch of the Red Cross sent a newspaper advertisement for the public house to its national headquarters in London and in March the Home Office, Mr. Alf Elliott received a letter from Miss Margaret Paulfley, head of the society's principals and law programme.

She enclosed a copy of the convention and wrote: "There is doubtless a good reason why this name was chosen but as you will see it can only be used with the authority of the Minister of Defence." Later she warned that the matter would be reported to the ministry unless a reply was received.

Miss Paulfley said that the name and emblem were so carefully protected because they were a sign of neutrality on the battlefields.

However, Mr. Robert Webber, information officer of the Brewer's Society said: "I wouldn't think the British Red Cross Society had any grounds for complaint when the name has been in use all these years. As a pub name I think this is heraldic and originally stems from the Crusades."

The bible of public house names, Larwood and Hotten's English Inn Signs, shows that the sign of the Red Cross may go back as far as Edward III (1272-1307). During the reign of Charles I (1625-1649), four taverns are recorded by the name of the Cross, red or white, and in mid 19th century London had four ale houses known as the Red Cross.

Young evicted after benefit change

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Young people are starting to sleep rough after being evicted from hotels because of the new regulations on board and lodging benefit, the housing charity Shelter claims yesterday.

The regulations, which are being progressively introduced around the country until August, are designed to encourage the young unemployed to travel in search of work and mean that 85,000 people under 25 lose the lodging element of their benefit if they do not

move on after two, four or eight weeks, depending on the area.

All claimants will also have to find accommodation costing £40-£70 a week, including £21.70 for all meals except breakfast.

Shelter says that reports from areas as diverse as Milton Keynes and Cardiff suggest that many claimants are deciding to stay in their area.

In some areas—such as most of Norfolk, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and the North-east—officials acted so speedily that there were instances of people

being asked to leave when they were protected under the regulations, says Shelter.

About 70 per cent of those asked to leave board and lodging were in towns where they had been born or had stayed for more than three years.

One in three of these people have ended up homeless and decided to live in the area even if they could not receive any benefit for accommodation.

In some cases—notably in Devon and Milton Keynes—attempts are being made by private landlords to change their accommodation so that former

board and lodging claimants can rent rooms with cooks, making them ordinary tenants for benefit purposes.

In Newton Abbot in Devon, one landlady, Mrs. Anna Gill, has allowed five claimants to set up tents in her garden rather than having to sleep rough.

Shae, the housing aid centre in London where the regulations have still to bite, is finding that hotels are already switching from lodging to tourism.

Ms Jean Conway, a researcher with the charity,

said yesterday: "We are still being able to place people in the capital but it is becoming more difficult all the time."

"The last person I helped required 105 telephone calls before we could find a place within the new board and lodgings limits."

"Some hotel owners no longer want to take people under the age of 26. One hotelier in Lee, south London,

which is outside the tourist belt, rang to tell us he would only take people over the age of 26 because of the new regulations."



The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with the pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy is conducted by its new musical director, Andre Previn, in a rehearsal of Previn's piano concerto, which will have its world premiere tonight at the Royal Hall, Nottingham. Picture by Garry Weaser

Molesworth fence on wrong spot

By a Correspondent

AN anti-nuclear campaigner was cleared yesterday of entering a prohibited area because part of the security fence around Molesworth Air Base was put up in the wrong place.

Mr. Neil Davidson, defence solicitor for Mr. Andrew Riddiford, said after the hearing at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: "If people choose to put up a fence in the dead of night, mistakes are bound to happen."

"In view of the fact that the Ministry of Defence are committing an offence by obstructing the highway, they will no doubt give serious consideration to moving the fence."

Coils of razor wire were erected up to 10ft out of line by soldiers after the night-time eviction of peace protesters from the Cambridgeshire base in February.

Magistrates heard yesterday that a stretch fringing the half-built peace chapel was on a public highway.

Mr. Riddiford, aged 24, of the Old School House, Clifton, Northamptonshire, was arrested inside the wire at the proposed cruise missile base and charged under new military bylaws.

Mr. Davidson told an earlier hearing: "The point where he is purported to have entered the perimeter fence is part of the highway." He produced maps from 1909 and 1901 showing the public highway which, when overlaid with a trace drawing of the fence, showed an overlap.

Mr. Patrick Fields, prosecuting, told the court yesterday: "The ministry has heard that there had been an encroachment of the highway at the point where Mr. Riddiford climbed through the fence."

Well victim 'died within a minute'

The man entombed last week in a well on the Isle of Wight, whose body was recovered only after a 91-hour rescue operation, probably died within a minute of the sides of the well collapsing, it was said at the inquest yesterday.

Ramunas Girenas was said by a pathologist, Dr. Neil Greenwood, to have died from asphyxia. Asked by the Isle of Wight coroner, Mr. Keith Chesterton, if it was known whether this had been a quick death, he replied: "The appearances are consistent with rapid asphyxia, and death in possibly under a minute."

Rescuers had hoped Mr. Girenas, aged 22, had survived by being trapped in an air pocket.

The inquest at Ryde was adjourned until July 11. It was said that a cremation service was to be held on Friday.

Members of the family had asked that those involved in the rescue attempt should attend if they wish.

Mr. Chesterton said: "I don't think anyone will contradict me if I say all in this island, and no doubt across the water, felt horror, concern and sympathy at the event in Ventnor last week."

Dr. Greenwood said he found numerous superficial abrasions and bruises, but no broken bones. Abrasions and bruises were consistent with falling debris and bruises on the scalp were superficial. Air passages were normal with no sign of obstruction, indicating that it was unlikely that Mr. Girenas had breathed significantly once he became surrounded with dust and soil.

Labour minority's request to call Thatcher defeated

Belgrano inquiry 'obstructed by some members'

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The Commons foreign affairs committee faced "extraordinary and unprecedented obstruction" from the Government and from some of its own members in the course of its inquiry into the Belgrano affair, according to a draft report drawn up by its Labour members.

The report attacks the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office for refusing to provide MPs with facts and information relating to the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, the General Belgrano, on May 2, 1982 with the loss of 368 lives.

The Foreign Office refused the committee's request to make available the contents of telegrams from Peru and Washington about diplomatic attempts to seek a peace settlement, though at no time did it suggest that the publication of the contents would prejudice national security, says the Labour group of four MPs—Dennis Canavan, Ian Mikardo, Nigel Spearing, and Mick Welsh.

But the draft report, which will be discussed at a meeting of the full committee today, also includes a stinging rebuke to the seven Tory members for defeating a Labour request for Mrs Thatcher to give oral evidence to the committee.

Tory members also voted down Labour attempts to seek more written information from the Ministry of Defence.

The leak of the Labour report is certain to fuel the row over Granada Television's World in Action programme on Monday night, which gave details of another draft report drawn up by the committee's Tory chairman, Sir Anthony Kershaw, as well as the stand taken by the Labour members.

The Labour group says the committee should not accept the argument by Sir John Nott, then Defence Secretary, that his inaccurate statement to the Commons on May 4, 1982, about the Belgrano was based on "the latest and most up-to-date information that was available."

Mrs Thatcher said on TV-am over the weekend that Sir John had given the wrong date of the sinking "for very good security reasons."

The Labour group accuses the Government of manipulating the facts. The Commons should set up an independent tribunal to consider how ministers discharged their responsibilities in the period following the invasion of the Falklands by Argentina, and into whether there was any link between the Peruvian peace plan and the sinking of the Belgrano.

Charity 'feuds' attacked

By Susan Tirbutt

Disputes and personality clashes in religious organisations and other charities are disrupting the work of the Charity Commissioners, according to their annual report, published yesterday.

The commissioners complain that charities increasingly refer internal disputes to them to resolve, even though there is usually nothing they can do.

Grievances, often clashes of personality, are expressed as complaints about unconstitutional behaviour or demands that the commissioners should rule in favour of the complainant's understanding of the

charity's rules and impose a remedy.

The commissioners, who are prevented by law from intervening in the administration of a charity, find such complaints time-consuming and on the whole unproductive, says the report.

The commissioners warn charities against some fundraising methods, such as misleading advertising or aggressive sales techniques, which may annoy the public. "Charity in general may suffer from the resulting loss of public confidence," says the report.

Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1984. Stationery Office, £4.40.

Snip, snip, snip,

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A few appreciative words about electric water heating from Martin and Guy of Cheltenham.

Few people are more reliant on hot water than hair stylists. When you've ninety heads of hair to wash on a Saturday, you have to be sure of the supply and certain of the temperature. So when Martin Green and Guy MacDonald moved into the centre of Cheltenham and upgraded their business, they plumped for electric storage water heating.

THE CHEAPEST OPTION
"We looked at other options, but they were more expensive," said Martin, "the installation costs were in every case too high."

Speed of installation was also essential as the partners wanted their new salon, Manes, to be open as quickly as possible. They settled for two 210-litre factory insulated cylinders controlled by time switches and thermostats. Enough to guarantee them all the hot water they needed.

OVERNIGHT SAVINGS
Now each morning when the salon opens there's hot water on tap produced overnight with the

full benefit of cheap night rate electricity. An important factor when you're building up a new business and have to count pennies as well as heads.

"It's really cheap," said Guy, who found that even with the new larger premises running costs worked out less than 2p per wash. As Martin and Guy can confirm, electric storage water heating is quite a snip. For more information on how electric storage water heating could help keep you out of hot water, phone Freephone BuildElectric or snip the coupon.

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Industry initiative against drink abuse

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The National Alcohol Forum is being set up with government help to combat alcoholism and the bad associations drink has obtained after the recent upsurge in football hooliganism and violent crime.

Representatives from brewers, whisky distillers and wine and spirit merchants yesterday met charities fighting alcoholism at the Department of Health to set up the organisation. The initiative has the support of Mr Kenneth Clarke, the health minister. Establishment of such an organisation was originally recommended in a Department of Health report four years ago.

Ministers have become concerned about alcoholism in the wake of the football riot in Brussels, although it was stressed yesterday that the date for the meeting was arranged three months ago.

Sir Kenneth Stowe, permanent secretary at the Department of Health, offered ministry help to staff a secretariat to work out details of the new organisation. The Government is also indicating that it might be able to fund the organisation permanently.

The organisation will include representatives from the Health Education Council, the charity Alcohol Concern, the Brewers Society, the Scottish Whisky Association, and the Wine and Spirit Association. An independent chairman will be appointed by the Government.

Topics on the agenda will include football violence and violent crime; licensing hours; drunken driving; and rehabilitation programmes for drunken offenders and for homeless people who have turned to drink.

Rockall man rings home

Tom McLean, the former SAS man living on Rockall, the 70-foot high rock 240 miles off the Hebrides, has managed to get a telephone call to his family via a passing fishing boat.

He told his wife, Jill: "I have no complaints, everything is going well."

Detective is accused over evidence against Asians

By David Rose

A detective who said he witnessed an affray between white and Asian youths in east London told an Old Bailey jury yesterday that he had no idea why his version of events was directly contradicted by an official record at the police station.

The affray outside the Duke of Edinburgh public house in Newham was the climax of a series of inter-racial confrontations on April 7 last year.

Detective Constable Noel Bonczoszek said that a group of 30 Asians marched on the pub four abreast and, with near-military precision, threw missiles at it in successive waves. No whites joined in the affray until about 10 Asians entered the pub, he said.

Three white youths and seven Asians all deny charges including affray, assault, criminal damage and possession of offensive weapons.

Mr Ian McDonald, counsel for two of the Asians, Farva and Zeng, said he produced an account book of crimes kept at DC Bonczoszek's police station, Forest Gate. It recorded that the affray began with a battle between 25 whites and 50 Asians, a version which had already been supported by other prosecution witnesses, said Mr McDonald.

DC Bonczoszek said that record in the book was "rubbish". He agreed that it had been written before he set down his own notes of the incident, but said that he had no idea where the information was obtained.

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North Wales schools face drastic budget cuts

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

A package of drastic cuts, including the options of closing all nursery schools and ending paid meals in secondary schools, will be considered today in Cwmtydd, North Wales.

Other cost-cutting alternatives which will be put forward are: losing up to 198 teaching jobs and 70 nursery assistants; closing outdoor pursuit centres or youth clubs; and drafting all specialist teachers of drama, Welsh, music and remedial classes into general classroom duties.

The county council is faced with cutting at least £1.2 million from its education budget

because it seriously underestimated the cost of meeting this year's pay deal for teachers.

The budget allowed for only a 3 per cent rise, in line with the Government's stated limits on public sector salary settlements. But local authority employers have already increased the offer to 5 per cent, a figure the unions have rejected.

All teachers and head teachers' associations in Cwmtydd yesterday joined forces to reject the package of cuts. They said in a joint statement: "We accuse the county council of deliberately setting a budget incapable of funding the education service during 1989-90."

Sanctioning of such a budget appears to us to have been motivated by political expediency.

Mrs Margaret Morgan, county secretary for the National Association of Head Teachers, said that unions which have been taking industrial action over the pay issue were now prepared to extend their sanctions. Heads, who have so far kept the service running during teachers' disruptive campaigns, were ready to become involved, possibly by closing schools at midday.

She added: "We cannot guarantee management of the schools in the normal fashion in September. It could mean part-time education."



Mr John Hume MP with the six Ethiopian men who arrived in Londonderry on a cargo ship

Stowaways are allowed to stay

From Paul Johnson in Londonderry

The Home Office yesterday gave six Ethiopian stowaways who turned up in Northern Ireland temporary permission to stay.

Their fate will be discussed by the Government and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. In the meantime they will be cared for by voluntary agencies, including the Red Cross.

All the men, aged between 19 and 38, were seized last night by the British Border Force. They were taken to a temporary holding facility in Londonderry where they are being cared for by the Red Cross.

The men were discovered 24 hours after the vessel had left an Ethiopian port after unloading relief supplies.

The captain and crew fed and cared for the escapees—African stowaways are often thrown overboard—but their attempts to seek asylum in Egypt and Cyprus failed and they arrived in Londonderry when the 7,000-ton vessel docked with a cargo of potatoes.

After hearing yesterday's news the captain, Friedemann Meinhart, said: "The UK is the first place where these poor people have been treated like human beings."

The interpreter, Mehary Araya, an Ethiopian living in the Republic of Ireland, said he believed the men when they said they would be killed if they returned to their native land.

All had varying stories to tell. Two of the men apparently had been fighting on the side of the rebels in the civil war. Having discovered that their families have died, they were anxious to escape the conflict and the famine.

Another had been a seaman, but after his work ticket was taken away seven years ago he was forced to scavenge for food to support himself.

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The men were discovered 24 hours after the vessel had left an Ethiopian port after unloading relief supplies.

The captain and crew fed and cared for the escapees—African stowaways are often thrown overboard—but their attempts to seek asylum in Egypt and Cyprus failed and they arrived in Londonderry when the 7,000-ton vessel docked with a cargo of potatoes.

After hearing yesterday's news the captain, Friedemann Meinhart, said: "The UK is the first place where these poor people have been treated like human beings."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Final offer to health unions

Union representing 250,000 hospital ancillary staff are expecting a final pay offer today after last week's staged award to nurses and midwives, writes John Arroll.

The unions have so far rejected a £3.35 a week flat rate increase, amounting to 4.45 per cent on the pay bill.

One of the four unions, the Confederation of Health Service Employees, has written to the Health Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, demanding immediate payment in full of the nurses award, involving increases of between 8.4 per cent and 14.3 per cent, staged to cost 5.8 per cent in the current financial year.

Ripper 'negligence' action challenged

POLICE are claiming that they cannot be sued for negligence over the Yorkshire Ripper murders.

The West Yorkshire force's solicitors have made an application to the High Court in London to have the action for damages against the chief constable by Mrs Doreen Hill, mother of the final victim, thrown out.

Council coopts an election loser

A FORMER member of Conservative-controlled Hereford and Worcester council has been co-opted back on to the education committee as a specialist representative after being beaten in the local government elections.

The decision to appoint the former Conservative councillor, Mrs Dorothy Gelling, was described as "an insult to democracy" by the local Labour member who defeated her.

Storm damage at National Gallery

FLOODING at the national gallery has damaged carpets in the gallery's special exhibition room and the main gallery's Netherlands room.

The flooding was caused by a blocked gutter on the gallery's roof during heavy rain in the last week. No paintings were affected.

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THE DAY IN POLITICS

Bishop of Durham drives into bus debate



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TRANSPORT BILL

By Colin Brown

The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, warned the Government yesterday that there were grounds for grave disquiet over the moral, political and practical implications of the Transport Bill, which opens up local bus services to private competition.

Bishop Jenkins, speaking during the Second Reading debate in the House of Lords, accused supporters of the Transport Bill of being naive and backing a dangerous form of idolatry in their view of competition and the profits which it was forecast would result from the changes. He said it could prove "a destructive god".

Coupled with criticism from other backbench peers, Bishop Jenkins' attack on the bill was a clear signal to the Government that it could face defeat on the committee stage. Bishop Jenkins said, he introduced, he said, to allow the introduction of the legislation to be slowed

down, for the provision of more local authority influence, for more opportunities for co-ordination in services with comprehensive tendering—which is ruled out in the bill—and for successful public transport undertakings like those in Tyne and Wear to be continued for an experimental period.

He told the House: "There is a quaint and faintly archaic air of unreality which pervades the whole bill with nostalgia. This faith, if it ever exists, leads to herds of busy little men and women being given the chance to set up little empires. Surely, this is a romantic dream which could only be entertained and legislated for by people under the grip of a strong and over-simplistic faith. Your Lordships will know I am not in favour of an oversimplified faith."

Defending his right to attack the bill on the grounds that there was disquiet about its effect on the bus service, Bishop Jenkins said that its effects could harm the have-nots more than the haves.

"Why risk deregulating and destabilising everything, including serious attempts made to get coordinated services going as in Tyne and Wear, and not risk trying to encourage and improve these services?"

"The answer seems to be because we believe in competition as we define it. Given the complexity of life, this does seem to be very naive and an almost certainly false faith. When it is used to refute and ignore serious arguments about transport as a public service and a social service and the proper use of cross-subsidies and the need for local co-ordination, it does become to look dangerously like idolatry," he said.

There was a danger, he added, in people being prepared to ride over the objections to the bill, especially as it was accompanied by the centralisation of regulations.

The moral disquiet lay with the valid question which could be put to the components of the bill: "whether they were putting their faith in a simplified view of the market and asking that faith to bear more than it should or could on a very doubtful principle."

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The political disquiet was caused because society was deeply divided but the bill moved and more harshly on the have-nots.

A former Tory Transport Minister, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, attacked the Bishop: "I find this endless business of protest, criticism and destructive conflict very unacceptable when no alternative is put forward," he said.

"Those who opposed this bill believe that we in this country are the very possessors of an adequate bus system at reasonable cost giving general satisfaction."

Lord Peyton said the Bishop had failed to grasp the stern facts of fewer services, higher fares, fewer passengers and spiralling costs. "The costs have grown and the usefulness diminished," he said.

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The main challenger to the sitting Conservative last time was Mr Roy Jenkins, in Glasgow Hillhead.

Though most of the seats listed are the obvious marginals which the party must win, the last 30 or so of the constituencies listed reveal how difficult it will be for the party to win the number of seats it requires for an overall majority in the Commons.

Such targets as Ayr (Levens Labour was 16 per cent behind last time), Stevenage (15.4 per cent behind) and High Peak (20.4 per cent behind), are not normally considered likely breakthrough seats for Labour candidates.

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Hospital immunity under fire

By our political Staff

MPs yesterday demanded that hospitals be stripped of their Crown immunity from prosecution after the 19 deaths from food poisoning at the Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield, last year.

Mr Jack Ashley (Lab, Stoke-on-Trent S) asked the junior Employment Minister, Mr Peter Bottomley: "Can you give one good reason why a hospital which food poisons its patients should be immune from prosecution, when a hotel which food poisons its visitors can be prosecuted?"

Mr Ashley's demand was supported by Mr Conal Gregory (C, York), who said that inactivity on the matter was shameful after the deaths at Stanley Royd. He asked for the Crown immunity to be stripped away, and patients given the same privileges as if they were dining in an hotel or a restaurant.

Mr Bottomley said that the Health and Safety Commission had been asked to report on the issue and the Government would seriously consider its advice.

Byelection seat not on Labour hit list

By James Naughtie

LABOUR's "hit list" of Conservative and SDP/Liberal Alliance seats for the next general election reveals that Brecon and Radnor, where a by-election campaign starts this week, is not considered a likely gain.

The seat is omitted from the list of the 131 constituencies considered by party managers to be the most likely gains and now selected as targets for the attention of the leadership, the Shadow Cabinet and the party's campaign organisers.

The list is made up of 120 seats held by Conservatives—13 of them Ministers—nine held by the Alliance

and two occupied by Scottish Nationalists.

Individual Labour MPs are to be twinned with target seats to provide background information on the activities of the sitting MPs and to co-ordinate campaigning.

The twinning, which is expected to be in operation by the autumn, will link MPs with target seats in their own regions as far as possible.

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THE ABOLITION BILL.

Independent management consultants Coopers & Lybrand have been studying the Government's plan to abolish the GLC. Not only is it going to cost Londoners their say in the capital's government, it seems it's also going to cost them up to £167 million.

They also estimate that many of the savings that might be made by the new administration could be made by the GLC as it stands anyway.

So whoever stands to profit from abolishing the GLC, it certainly isn't Londoners.

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Gdansk protest gathers pace

Gdansk: Hundreds of people added their signatures yesterday to a condemnation by Poland's leading dissident intellectuals of a trial in which three Solidarity leaders are accused of illegal union activities.

Intellectuals in Warsaw said at least 450 people had signed the statement since it was made public by the Solidarity chairman, Mr. Lech Walesa, after he testified in the trial in this Baltic port.

The statement, addressed to Parliament's justice committee, condemned the imprisonment of people for their convictions and said the court in the Solidarity trial had displayed a brutality unmatched since Stalinist times.

The intellectuals said they were distributing the statement in factories, universities, schools and so far had received 181 signatures in Warsaw, 150 in Gdansk and 119 in the south-western city of Wrocław.

Adam Michnik, aged 38, a dissident historian and Wladyslaw Frasyniuk and Bogdan Lis, aged 32, Solidarity leaders in Wrocław and Gdansk, are charged with leading an illegal union and fomenting unrest.

Signatories of the statement include Poland's leading dissident, Jacek Kuron, and the writers, Marian Brandys, Tadeusz Konwicki and Anka Kowalska.

The prosecution in the Solidarity trial demanded a five-year prison term for Mr. Frasnyniuk, aged 31, and four years for the two other union leaders when it resumed yesterday.

The three defendants, all freed under an amnesty for political prisoners last July, were arrested in February at a meeting in Gdansk called by Mr. Walesa to discuss possible protests against government food price rises.

The three activists have all protested during the trial, which is closed to Western observers and reporters, that the chief judge is biased against them and has not let them testify freely.

Their defence lawyers have also criticised the judge, Krzysztof Zielenk, for what they have described as his rudeness and lack of knowledge of legal procedures.

The Government accused the defendants last week of trying to make political speeches in the courtroom and vowed that the case would be pursued to the end.

In Warsaw, the trial resumed yesterday of two Roman Catholics who joined a school strike over the removal of crucifixes from their classrooms. They face up to two years' jail if convicted on charges of resisting the law.—Reuter.

European attack on hooligans

Amsterdam: Britain's Sports Minister, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, called last night for international safety laws to curb soccer violence in Europe.

He wants a legally binding convention drawn up by the 21-state Council of Europe. He made the call at an emergency meeting of seven European sports ministers at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

Mr. Macfarlane told his colleagues it was vital that Council of Europe recommendations on crowd safety, proposed more than a year ago, should now be made mandatory.

Some of the ideas, particularly those on controlling ticket sales and segregating rival supporters, should be toughened, he said.

He also emphasised the need for agreement with UEFA — European football's governing body — on details and enforcement of UEFA must be in their own house, in order, Mr. Macfarlane said.

The meeting here, which brought together ministers from Britain, the Netherlands, Italy, France, West Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg, was the idea of the Dutch Sports Minister, Mr. Joop Van Der Reijden.

Many of the Council of Europe proposals have been introduced successfully. But Mr. Macfarlane said it would take a binding set of rules to ensure that every club applied the safety provisions fully.

They are far-reaching, and include provision of adequate police resources in and around football grounds, close control of ticket sales, segregation of rival fans and restrictions on drink sales. Recommendations on stadium design and construction materials are also laid down.

Council officials are already drawing up a detailed list of extra suggestions to try to ensure that disasters like the Brussels case never occur again.

Plans put before ministers include the use of electronic search machines and breath tests at football grounds, as well as permanent police and video installations.

Ministers are likely to agree to press for a fully binding convention on violence to be drawn up at the next meeting of Council of Europe sports ministers, before the start of the next football season.

Body in Brazil must be Mengele, family says

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

THE family of Josef Mengele yesterday broke the years of silence it had been maintaining over the world's most hunted war criminal, saying that it had "no doubt" that the body exhumed in Brazil last week was that of the Auschwitz Angel of Death.

But the brief statement by Mengele's son Rolf, who runs a law practice in Freiburg in southern Germany's still left many questions unanswered about his father who

Brazilian police now believe died in a swimming accident near Sao Paulo in 1979.

The son told the Frankfurt Public Prosecutor in charge of the Mengele hunt that he went to Brazil six years ago to confirm the circumstances of his father's death.

"I have no doubt that the corpse exhumed at the cemetery in Embu, Brazil, on June 6, 1985, is the remains of my father, Josef Mengele," the statement said. "I have remained silent until now out of consideration for the people who were in contact with my

father for the past 30 years."

Mr. Mengele, aged 42, provided no evidence of his own to back up his statement which he made as forensic experts began their examination of the body discovered in Brazil.

According to West German commentators it remains a riddle why the family, which has been besieged by the press for years, did not announce before that the Auschwitz doctor had died.

Documents leading to the Brazil tip were found in possession of a former employee

of the Mengele engineering firm in Bavaria and close friend of the former Nazi, Mr. Hans Sedlmeier, whose home was searched by police at the end of May.

Referring to an earlier search in 1964, in which no documents were found, the Frankfurt Public Prosecutor, Mr. Hans-Eberhard Klein, said recently: "There is something strange about the fact that we suddenly find these documents after all the fuss in recent months."

The Public Prosecutor has previously said he believed

that Mengele, who would be 74, was still alive, and in hiding in Paraguay. Mr. Klein said he would make a statement on the latest developments today.

Reuter adds from Sao Paulo: Forensic experts hope X-rays will provide the first scientific evidence of whether the body dug up from a hillside grave here is that of Josef Mengele.

Mr. Wilmes Teixeira, a member of the forensic team, said an initial inspection of the remains, buried in 1979 as those of Wolfgang

Gerhard, had revealed a possible pelvic fracture.

According to the Nazi hunter, Mr. Simon Wiesenthal, Nazi war records show that Mengele broke his hip in a 1944 traffic accident. Mr. Teixeira said: "If we can confirm the fracture in the pelvis, we will have taken a very important step."

Sao Paulo police are convinced on the basis of testimony of people here who say they sheltered him, that Mengele lived in Brazil at least some time in the 1960s and 1970s.

Moral gesture could save threatened weapons

Reagan's nuance on arms cheers hawks

From Michael White in Washington

The initial enthusiasm of arms control supporters for President Reagan's decision to abide by Salt II yesterday gave way to a more wary appraisal as Pentagon hawks openly acknowledged the green light which the President has also given to new weapons programmes.

Republican hardliners like Senator Steve Symms, of Idaho, at first denounced Monday night's compromise as "unilateral disarmament and appeasement" for not repudiating Salt II, while Democrats and moderate Republicans praised Mr. Reagan's statesmanship in seizing the moral high ground. What neither camp appears to have noticed is that the statement was "rich in nuance."

Despite President Reagan's renewed commitment to deep strategic cuts in Geneva as his "highest priority," some specialists here see the new formula as helping some weapons programmes which would otherwise be embroiled in the Pentagon budget's troubles. "The President may be going that extra mile but it could prove a fairly expensive taxi ride," said one yesterday.

At the Arms Control Association, a non-partisan group, accelerated spending on four programmes at least were predicted. Midgetman, the MX missile (with the Pentagon seeking to make up the 50 missiles cut this year), the Star Wars space-defence programme and the conversion of

aging Poseidon submarines to other uses.

Ironically, it was the President's decision to discontinue rather than dry-dock a Poseidon — the USS Sam Rayburn — ostensibly to comply with Salt II limits when a new Trident submarine goes to sea this autumn, which attracted much praise here. The formula was said to go further than some of the "grey area" solutions mooted.

Mr. Reagan's National Security Adviser, Mr. Robert McFarlane, reserved the right

to "reconfigure" the boat, possibly as a training vessel or using a Soviet precedent — a cruise-missile carrying submarine. It now transpires that dismantling it actually gives the navy more flexible options and some expert opinion was yesterday predicted that a dozen such conversions at up to half a billion dollars a throw.

But yesterday a senior official in the Pentagon where the Defence Secretary, Mr. Caspar Weinberger, fought an unsuccessful rearguard action against Salt II, declared: "What the President is really saying is that the Soviets have until the end of the year to deal with our compliance concerns (alleged Soviet violations of Salt II) and deal seriously in Geneva — or the US will abandon its own compliance and move towards what the new language calls 'proportionate responses'."

The timetable which has emerged is that the Pentagon will complete its new study of retaliatory possibilities by November 15, when the latest round of Geneva talks are over and the 1979 Salt II agreement is about to lapse.

Commentators here suggest that the risk of offending his liberal and European critics was more serious now than later and that the climate was better in November and in mid-1988 when tough decisions, now postponed, must be made about exceeding the Salt II totals on both submarines and long-range bombers.

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Doubts remain on nuclear arsenal policy of the US

By Hella Pick

There was relief in London and other Nato capitals after the Reagan Administration's announcement that it would maintain the numerical constraints on strategic nuclear arsenals, when the Salt II treaty imposes on the two superpowers.

But doubts remain. It is not clear from the Administration's announcement that it will follow the procedures agreed by the United States and the Soviet Union for destroying surplus missiles, above the ceilings set by Salt II, or whether the US would only retire a Poseidon submarine, and dismantle its missiles, without actually destroying both.

The President also appears intent on taking the violations out of the Standing Commission, and intends to undertake unilateral reviews to be followed by "commensurate" responses.

There remains the risk that President Reagan might yet decide, before the end of the year, that Soviet violations are of such a nature that the US should not recommit itself to abide by the treaty terms until the Salt II treaty technically expires on December 31.

Nato's arms control experts are urging the Administration to end the public slanging match about treaty violations, and take the subject to the Standing Commission, set up under the 1972 Salt I treaty, and its companion, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

The Standing Commission is charged under both the Salt treaties, as well as under the ABM treaty, to review their

application, and even try to define some of their grey areas. But it was also made responsible for working out agreed procedures for de-stocking missiles taken out of commission in order to satisfy the numerical limits on strategic nuclear arsenals, and on land-based defensive weapons, set out in the treaties.

Secrecy has been maintained

THE Russian Defence Ministry has published a book by Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov that marks the ousted chief of staff's return to the public eye and a possible start toward his political rehabilitation.

The book, called History Teaches Vigilance which focuses on the political analysis of military affairs, was reviewed yesterday by Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star), the Defence Ministry newspaper, and over the weekend by Novosti, the Soviet Union's second news agency.

The paperback was published in 30,000 copies, an average-size printing, by the military publishing house of the Defence Ministry. — AP.

around the work of the commission. But the agreements reached there have almost the same force as the treaty texts themselves.

It is known that by 1974 or 1975, perhaps had been determined for the destruction of surplus missiles. It was agreed that tubes and missiles would be separately destroyed, and that submarines should be cut up. While there was no decision to invite observers, it was agreed that destruction would

be carried out in such a way that each superpower, by means of its national observation methods, should be enabled to verify the process.

It has also been agreed that 60 days could elapse between the retirement of any missile and its elimination. Under procedures for advance notification, when new missiles are being introduced, the Soviet Union recently told the Standing Commission that it would be replacing some old SS-11 intercontinental missiles with the new SS-24s.

The first Salt treaty, signed in 1972, was ratified by both the signatories and was due to expire in 1977, when it was assumed a second Salt treaty would be ready.

When Washington and Moscow realised in 1977 that the negotiations could not be concluded in time, they each reaffirmed their commitment to abide by the terms of Salt I.

Salt II was signed in 1979, but the US has never ratified it, and its legal standing in the US has always been ambiguous. It was not until 1982 that President Reagan made a statement that the treaty, which he had described as "fatally flawed," would be replaced by a new one.

Since then there have been many US claims, made both publicly, and in the Standing Commission, that the Soviet Union was flouting parts of the treaty.

In 1979, it was again wrongly assumed that a successor treaty would be negotiated before Salt II expired. But all hopes of achieving a strategic arms reduction treaty by the end of this year have now been abandoned.

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ON GUARD: President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico, arriving in London yesterday on a state visit, waves to crowds at Victoria Station as he inspects the Guards

Agca blames Russians for plot on Pope's life

From George Armstrong and agencies in Rome

Mehmet Ali Agca told a Rome court yesterday the plot to kill the Pope originated in the Soviet embassy in Sofia. He said he met a first secretary of the Russian Sofia embassy in a hotel room occupied by a Turk named Omer Mersan.

It was the first time Agca had implicated the Soviet Union in the alleged conspiracy of Bulgarian agents and Turkish Grey Wolves guerrillas to kill the Polish-born pontiff.

We Grey Wolves acted with the determining complicity of the three Bulgarian functionaries in Rome, Agca said. He named them as airline official Sergei Antonov and diplomats Todor Alizov and Zhelyo Vassilev.

Agca said a first secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Sofia ordered the assassination and paid three million West German marks to the head of the Grey Wolves, Musa Serda

Celebi, through the mediation of all five men named by Agca are charged with conspiring to murder the Pope, three of them in their absence.

Agca, serving life imprisonment for seriously injuring the Pope, said the Soviet diplomat had been introduced to him in July, 1980, and his name was either Milenkov or Malenkov.

In answer to a defence plea, Agca described the Soviet diplomat and said he would recognise him from a photograph.

He said he met Celenk, defendants Oral Celik and Alizov, and the Soviet diplomat at the Vitosha Hotel in Sofia and agreed to shoot the Pope in the spring of 1981.

Members of the Bulgarian embassy in Rome would help because the Grey Wolves have no logistical support in Italy, unlike West Germany, Agca said.

The prosecution says Antonov, Alizov and Vassilev helped the Turks before and after the shooting, using a truck with diplomatic licence to get Celik out of Italy after Agca had been caught running away from St Peter's Square.

Judge Severino Santapichi asked Agca why a Soviet diplomat would risk exposure by meeting a hired gunman in a large hotel. Agca said he had proved his trustworthiness by escaping from prison in Turkey in 1979 without implicating his Grey Wolves accomplices in the murder of a journalist, Abdi Ipekci.

Agca said that the Soviet diplomat had discussed with him "other destabilising attacks in Western Europe against Nato military and civilian targets, as well as the pope's assassination."

He had agreed to shoot the Pope not to get money for himself but to help the Grey Wolves. The three million marks were eventually paid through Celenk to Celebi in Frankfurt, he added.

Greeks explain police state remark

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the remark brought a protest from Britain, answered by Greece's ambassador in London last week.

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For richer or poorer, Lisbon gambles on the EEC

From Derek Brown in Lisbon

IN MARCH, 1977, the Prime Minister, Dr. Mario Soares, announced Portugal's application for membership of the European Community. This morning, 89 months and nine governments later, he will sign the formal treaty of accession.

The process and most politically chaotic country in Europe will at last join the rich people's club, with Spain, on January 1 next year.

The ornate splendours of the Jeronimos, where the EEC leaders will gather for the signing ceremony, are in almost painful contrast with the reality of modern Portugal. From this place, on the banks of the mighty Tagus, caravels and galleons set out to conquer the trade routes of the globe.

Today, behind the elegant facades of central Lisbon,

and the smart apartment blocks springing up outside, there is miserable, almost Third World poverty. Crumbling tenements in the city, and makeshift shanties beyond, testify to the desperate plight of a country struggling to break free from economic and social stagnation.

Membership of the EEC could galvanise the shambling economy and consolidate democracy, as Dr. Soares hopes or it could impose crushing pressure on both.

It has been a long journey and we know we will face many difficulties. But in the end we have faith in the Community and its future, Dr. Soares said yesterday.

The Agriculture Minister, Mr. Alvaro Barreto, was more specific. "Modernisation of

our country is absolutely linked to accession to the Community. We know there will be a tremendous shock," he said.

Portugal, with land in plenty to feed itself, in fact imports up to 60 per cent of its food. Farms are small, scattered, and primitive. Twenty-six per cent of the 10 million population work on the land, mostly without machines. The national minimum wage is just under £20 a week. Portugal is a cheap country only for tourists.

Competition with the rich lands to the north will mean a mighty effort to improve infrastructure and techniques, to protect farmers' incomes and provide alternative jobs. In a country long used to net emigration but which now has 600,000 "retornados" — from Africa, and one of the highest birth rates in Europe, that is a mind boggling job.

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community may be committed to ironing out regional inequalities, but it is more urgently obsessed with budgetary and political disputes. Next year's rise from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent in the VAT levy on EEC states is already heavily mortgaged by spending commitments and by the Community's continuing inability to check farm spending.

One distinct advantage of enlargement is that the big community of 300 million people must have a louder voice on the world stage. This is one of the chief attractions of membership for the Iberian countries after their long diplomatic isolation in the dictatorship years.

Portugal, in particular, has an ingrained historical longing for influence beyond her impoverished borders.

The country's other great desire is for stable govern-

ment. But the fifteenth anniversary since the April 1974 revolution, the centre-left coalition of Dr. Soares's Socialists with the Social Democrats (PSD) is even now breaking up. The PSD, anxious to get a new government, would withdraw from government after the accession ceremony.

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Heads to roll in Soviet shake-up

From Martin Walker in Moscow

The economic plans and party reforms inherited from Khrushchev are being thoroughly re-drafted after "serious criticisms" were expressed in the Politburo, the Soviet leader, Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, said yesterday. In the course of a speech on the economy.

The Soviet economy began to take a wrong turn back in the early 1970s, Mr. Gorbachev said, and an intensive reform of the rights of management was now required to moderate the economy.

But the changes would not come at the expense of the "social programmes," which might be translated as the Soviet phrase for the welfare state. Nor would it come at the expense of the defence budget, "in the face of imperialism's aggressive policy and

threats we must not permit military superiority over ourselves," he stressed.

These are severe constraints, since Western economists do not believe that the social and defence budgets between them take up well over half the Soviet gross national product.

Mr. Gorbachev implied that heads will roll under his new boom. He singled out the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Machine Building, and the Minister for Building Materials as prime examples of those who lobbied to gain as much capital investment as possible, while also striving to have their output targets cut — in short, trying to produce less with more equipment.

His attack on the Iron and Steel Minister, Mr. I. P. Kuznetsov, for failing to achieve production targets despite over 550 billion of state investment in the past 15 years was played to illustrate the need to improve and modernise existing plant, rather than replace it wholesale.

His most bitter attack was reserved for the Petrochemical Minister, Mr. V. S. Fyodorov, for wasting the expensive foreign technology his ministry had imported. "The minister gave assurances more than once that he would rectify his shortcomings. But he does not keep his promises," the Soviet leader said, and announced a full-scale Party inquiry into the ministry's work.

Much of the speech covered the now familiar ground of Mr. Gorbachev's commitment to modernisation of the economy, increased rights for management, and the need to speed up technical innovation.

The new strategy announced in his speech was a new national commitment to industrial thrift and energy-saving. "The task is to meet 75 to 80 per cent of our requirements for future growth through savings in the use of fuel and other raw materials," he said. "In many respects, our economy remains an extravagant one."

But his speech contained two surprising passages. The first was his announcement that heavy industry would be in favour, and that the growth rate for the machine-building sector would be raised to 100 per cent, rather than the planned 50 per cent, in the next five-year plan.

The second was his insistence that party activists in individual plants, ministries, and enterprises should resume party control over the nuts and bolts of the economy.

The causes of many of the shortcomings and miscalculations in the fact that the party committees have, in many places, slackened their political keenness and withdrawn from their controlling role to which they have a right under the rules of the party."

This call for increased party control may have served to reassure those who felt that his commitment to social and capitalist ways, in calling for greater consumer control over the design of new goods, might be going too far. But, as always, he put the case for reform in terms of "modernising."

It is necessary to remove everything outdated so that the cost-conscious economic mechanism can operate unimpeded, and literally up the knuckles," he said. "It is time to reduce sharply the number of centrally-set plan assignments. There must be a direct connection between the performance of workers and their remuneration."

Dissident in hospital

Mostow: Yuri Balovlenkov, who said he had fasted for 77 days in an effort to get permission to join his American wife, entered a Moscow hospital yesterday but said he is not ending his protest.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese promote new ties

CHINA has invited India to reopen its consulate-general in Lhasa and Shanghai in a move to improve strained relations. Diplomatic sources in New Delhi said yesterday that Peking also proposed reopening its consulate-general in the Indian port cities of Bombay and Calcutta.

The missions were closed down after India and China, the world's two most populous countries, fought a border war in 1962. At present, Nepal is the only country that has a consulate-general in Lhasa, capital of Tibet, annexed by Peking in 1951. The sources said that India had not yet replied to the proposal, made last April. — AP.

Armed again

A JAPANESE Red Army gunman, Kozo Okamoto, released last month as part of an Israeli-Lebanese prisoner exchange, has rejoined his guerrilla group. Japan's Kyodo news agency reported yesterday. He was the sole survivor of a three-man Japanese squad of up to 10 guerrillas in a machine gun attack at Tel-Aviv airport in 1972. — Reuters.

Ferry charge

The captain of the West German coaster involved in an incident which damaged a British car ferry off the Dutch coast last week has been charged with drunkenness and gross negligence, river police said in Rotterdam yesterday. — Reuters.

Torture case

A LAUSANNE criminal court has sentenced two pimps and two prostitutes to prison terms of up to 18 years for kidnapping and torturing a prostitute, then taking her to France in hopes of selling her. — AP.

Fewer leave

EMIGRATION OF Soviet Jews last month dropped to the lowest level this year with only 51 arriving in Vienna on their way to new homes. Eight migrants went on to Israel. The remainder were transferred to Italy, pending resettlement in other countries. — Reuters.

Work shirkers

THREE QUARTERS of Saudi Arabia's government employees arrive late for work and one sixth of them do no work at all, according to an official survey reported by a Saudi newspaper. The survey, by the Public Administration Institute in Riyadh, also showed that 51 per cent stay away from work without permission. — Reuters.

Writer dies

HU FENG, a celebrated writer and literary critic who championed artistic freedom in China in the 1950s only to be jailed and purged by the Communist authorities, has died of cancer aged 52. — Reuters.

Border escapes

AN EAST German mechanic yesterday climbed over border fortifications in the Bärz mountains and reached West Germany unharmed. He was the second man in a day to escape to Lower Saxony. On Monday night a man erecting border fencing climbed over and crossed unharmed into West Germany. — Reuters.

Venus landing

A SOVIET space module has landed on Venus with scientific and communications instruments on board to carry out experiments. Tass said yesterday. Research information is being transmitted back to Earth through the Vega-1 spacecraft which released the module two days ago. — Reuters.

Gang rape

Port Moresby: A gang of seven youths raped a New Zealand woman and her 18-year-old daughter days after the Papua New Guinea government proposed castration and public hanging for rapists, police said. The youths broke into the woman's home after cutting through a security fence. — Reuters.

Special envoy fails to break Finnish troops deadlock

Israel looks at plan for UN-Amal buffer force

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

As the crisis over the kidnapping of Finnish peacekeeping troops by Israeli-backed militia continued yesterday, there were signs of progress in talks between the UN and Israel about new arrangements in south Lebanon after Israel's claim to have completed its troop withdrawal.

According to well-placed sources here, Israel is now considering a scheme under which the border area would be controlled jointly by the UN force in Lebanon, and Amal, the Shiite Muslim militia, which has moved into most of the area evacuated by the Israelis.

The UN Under-Secretary-General, Mr Brian Urquhart, yesterday had talks with the Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, after flying earlier to discuss UN plans to deploy its men all the way to the international frontier. Israel has always resisted this in the past, but is now said to be discussing the idea, if it can be implemented in stages.

Before his meeting with Mr Rabin, the UN envoy said he was hoping to speed up the release of the 21 Finns, held by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) in south Lebanon since Friday.

One significant barrier to agreement on the UN deployment plan, however, will be Israel's continued support for the SLA, which is clearly unacceptable to the UN force in its present form. The UN said after the meeting there were still differences between the two sides.

Mr Urquhart is to hold talks in Beirut today with the Amal leader, Mr Nabih Berri, and President Amin Gemayel. He returns to Israel tomorrow

after further meetings in Damascus.

Mr Rabin said after meeting the envoy that Israel could not secure the release of the Finnish soldiers. Negotiations would have to take place directly between Unifil and the militia, he said.

There was no progress yesterday on a solution to the kidnapping. General Antoine Lahad, commander of the largely Christian SLA, told the French deputy commander of Unifil, General Jean Ponce, that he would not free the UN soldiers until 11 of his own men were released by Amal.

The SLA claims that the soldiers were disguised by Unifil and handed over to Amal on Friday. UN sources say they believe the SLA men—members of a wholly Shiite unit—defected as did another group of militiamen the previous week.

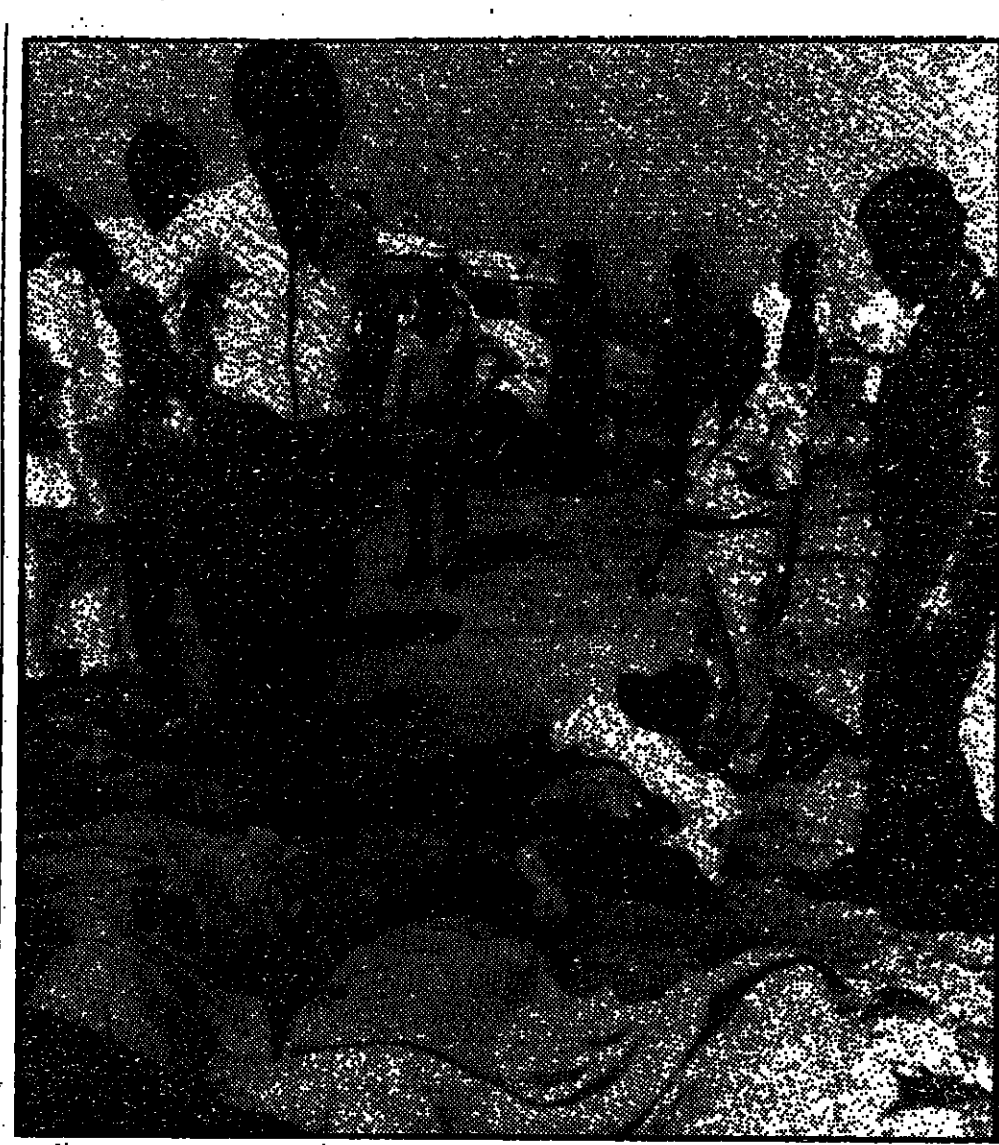
Israel Radio said that General Ponce had seen the Finns and had found them in good health.

In Helsinki, the Government called yesterday on Israel to ensure the Finns' speediest unconditional release. The Foreign Ministry summoned the Israeli Ambassador, Mr Yehuda Elov, to tell him that Finland intended to step up pressure on the points at which we think a solution can be found.

Meanwhile, in West Beirut, heavy street fighting erupted between Druse and Shiite forces yesterday and fierce machinegun and rocket fire was still raging three hours later.

Army officers met militia representatives to try to halt the fighting, which pitted the Druse-led Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) against the Amal militia.

An army spokesman denied that any troops were involved,



A doctor and policemen survey the bodies of the children who died in the school bus crash near Moshav Habonim, south of Haifa

Children killed in crash

TEL-AVIV: A train travelling at 60 mph crashed into a school bus on an unguarded railway crossing yesterday, killing 23 people, 20 of them children, and injuring 17.

"Bodies were strewn all over the area. There was nothing left inside the bus," one witness said. The red-and-white bus was one of three ferrying children from a religious school near Tel Aviv to an outing on a Mediterranean beach. Most of the dead were 12- and 13-year-olds.

"The teacher was in the back of the bus with all the kids. They were singing and playing," said Shlomo Danab, aged 13. He was knocked unconscious by the crash, and he said when he came to, "What I saw were bodies and blood." The accident, near Moshav Habonim, 18 miles south of Haifa, was one of the worst in Israeli history.

The Israel railway director, Mr Zvi Zafiri, said that either the bus driver did not see the train or the vehicle stalled on the crossing, which had no barrier or warning lights.

"The bus stopped in front of the crossing and then the train whistled," said a witness. "Then the driver decided to go ahead... very, very slowly as if he had enough time to cross before the train got there." The woman bus driver was among the dead.

Mr Zafiri said the train needed 800 yards to come to a complete stop. It careened on a half 250 yards from where it hit the bus. The bus, hit back section crushed by the impact, landed on its side 50 metres from the dirt road crossing. Army helicopters and ambulances ferried the casualties to three hospitals. Passengers on the train were unhurt. — Reuters.

Tamils hint that dream of state may be fading

From David Pallister in Colombo

Leaders of Sri Lanka's Tamil guerrilla alliance have been meeting over the past two days in Madras, capital of India's Tamil-speaking state of Tamil Nadu, to discuss their conditions for a ceasefire and help improve matters. But this statement is partly seen as an attempt to undermine the state's opposition party, which has been using the Sri Lankan conflict for its own political ends.

Even the one significant group outside the guerrilla alliance, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, has said it will join in talk if the conditions are right.

It is the only guerrilla group to have a working relationship with Tulu, whose 17 MPs were barred from Parliament in 1973 for refusing to take an oath of allegiance to the unitary state. They fought the 1977 general election on a platform of Eelam—a separate Tamil state—though this is widely accepted as a tactical position in face of the Government's reluctance to devolve substantive powers.

However Tulu members, including three former MPs, met in Jaffna at the weekend to re-establish the party's machinery in the northern peninsula. It was the first such meeting in two years.

The ball is now firmly in President Jayawardene's court; with the guerrillas causing increasing disruption to the economy and the administration, his advisers know that the Tamil issue cannot be fudged for much longer.

Punjab steps up alert

Amritsar: Security forces were alerted and curfews were ordered in two cities yesterday for the general strike called by a militant Hindu organisation in Punjab.

The state police director, Mr K. S. Dhillon, said daytime curfews were imposed in Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur to prevent violence during the strike. Dusk-to-dawn curfews have been in force in the two cities since last week.

The strike was called by Shiv Sena, or God's Army, to protest against the arrest of its leader, Jagdish Tangri, in a Ludhiana hospital at the weekend. Mr Tangri was imprisoned under a controversial National Security Act which permits detention without trial for up to two years in Punjab.

An official of India's central reserve police force said police and paramilitary forces raided homes of many Hindu militants before dawn in Ludhiana, Hoshiarpur, Khanna, and other towns, and at least 36 people were arrested.

Pretoria under fire at the UN

United Nations: South Africa has come under renewed attack in the Security Council for failing to implement a 1978 UN independence plan for Namibia, and planning to set up a separate administration in the territory next week.

As the Namibia issue received its first council airing since October 1983, several speakers called for the imposition of mandatory sanctions to force Pretoria to grant independence to the territory on the UN's terms.

The inclusion of the Tanzanian Foreign Minister, Mr Benjamin Mkapa, the Egyptian Minister of State, Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, and Mr Sam Nujoma, president of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

The Nigerian Foreign Minister, Mr Ibrahim Gambari, also said he would support punitive measures by the council.

South Africa insists that Namibian independence must be accompanied by the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

Its UN envoy, Mr Kurt von Schröder, told the council that the presence there of a "large number of surrogate troops of a superpower" had made it impossible for the people of both Angola and Namibia to determine their own future.

The debate, likely to extend into next week, was requested by African and other Non-aligned countries, angered by the long delay in wresting Namibia from South African control.

A private working paper intended as the basis for a resolution would condemn Pretoria for blocking implementation of the seven-year-old independence plan and for planning to install a "so-called interim administration" in Namibia next Monday, outside UN auspices.

It would also declare that Namibia's independence cannot be held hostage to extraneous matters—a reference to "linkage" with the Cuban troop issue. — Reuters.

22 on trial for treason in Pretoria after rioting

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

Twenty-two men appeared on charges of treason in the Pretoria magistrates' court yesterday, bringing the total number of people facing treason charges in South Africa to 49.

The treason charges against the 22 who appeared in court yesterday arise from their alleged involvement in violence in the Vaal Triangle, where South Africa's townships unrest started in earnest last September.

Many of the 22 are members of the United Democratic Front. They include its national secretary, Mr Lekota, and its national general secretary, Mr Mofe. Another of the accused is Father Geoffrey Moselane, whose detention sparked a protest march in Johannesburg led by the Nobel Peace prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu.

As part of the UDF leaders who appeared in court yesterday, all the 16 people accused of treason in the pending trial in Maritzburg, Natal, are leaders of the UDF and its affiliates.

Counsel for the Defence for the "Vaal 22", Mr Ismail Mohamed, yesterday applied for the trial to be postponed for two weeks to enable the defence to study the 364-page indictment.

Part of the indictment

against the 22 in the Pretoria trial related to rioting in Sharpeville and surrounding townships south of Johannesburg last year in which dozens of people died, the legal sources said.

The defence will apply for bail when the trial resumes on June 25, although the Attorney-General for the Transvaal is understood to have issued certificates under the Internal Security Act refusing bail to the 22.

Similar certificates were issued against the "Maritzburg 16" by the Natal Attorney-General, but he was overruled by the Judge President of the Natal Supreme Court, when the defence in that case contested the validity of the certificates.

Last month three men were convicted of treason in Johannesburg. One of them, Mr Jabu Ngobese, was a member of the African National Congress. He was jailed for 15 years. The two men convicted with him were jailed for five years each.

Rioting by South Africa's majority blacks, who are excluded from central government, has killed more than 400 people over the past 16 months.

The UDF, which claims a following of two million, has come increasingly under fire from the Government which accuses it of pursuing revolutionary goals and promoting violence.

The Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis le Grange, said it was doing the work of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla group.

The country's largest treason trial since 1961 and involved 156 defendants, including key leaders of the ANC. Charges against many of them were later withdrawn and the remainder were acquitted.

Meanwhile, soldiers and police swept into two rural black townships yesterday and arrested 195 people on criminal charges as isolated rioting flared across the country.

The security swoop occurred in Thumabole, near Parys, and Mokwallo, outside Vredepoort, in the central Orange Free State province, a spokesman in Pretoria said. Charges against those arrested included theft, possession of stolen goods, and illegal brewing of beer.

Police said 15 people were wounded on Monday and yesterday, including an 18-year-old woman who was severely burned and attacked with an axe near Pietersburg. Several vehicles were set alight and homes and shops burned. Rioting also was reported in Thabong township near Welkom in the Free state, scene of repeated clashes in recent weeks. Two people were hurt and two others arrested when a church was stoned.

Amin's army makes money on Sudan border smuggling

From Ed Hooper in Kaya, Sudan

IN 1979 Kaya was a small Sudanese border post, where Uganda and Zaïre met, with a population of less than 300 people. Nowadays it is settled by more than 11,000 Ugandan refugees, many of them former soldiers of Idi Amin's army.

When times got hard, the exiled Ugandans look to selling their weapons to a variety of buyers, guerrillas from the Sudan People's Liberation Army and Arabs from the hunting areas.

Meanwhile, their successors in the regular army discovered their own lucrative business, shipping coffee from the Luwero triangle in southern Uganda. Three years ago, when the world coffee price peaked, a lorryload of beans bought a brand-new lorry... one and a half tonnes bought a Toyota. A new road through Uganda, financed by a Zaïrean businessman, made the journey less bumpy.

Now that coffee prices have fallen, 240lb is considered fair barter for a bicycle, made in China. Lights come extra. Nowadays it is bags of tea, drums of petrol, diesel, and paraffin, that Ugandan soldiers exchange for bicycles, radios, fish, and cooking oil from Sudan.

Eight miles up the road from Kaya, at Bazi, young men in western clothes sit in the market on the Sudan side with wads of Zaïrean bank notes. On one table, almost unattended, lie 125,000 Zaïres—nearly £2,000.

From Zaïre come crates of beer, bundles of secondhand clothes, bags of sugar and vegetables, boxes of soap, and cartons of cigarettes. The latter have come from Kenya through Uganda and Rwanda: a pack of 20, bought for 40p at Bazi, can be sold for 70p at Juba, the regional capital 150 miles to the north-east.

The profit margin for beer is even higher, almost 100 per cent. Small boys are hired to carry the goods past the Sudanese customs post at Yeti.

Ugandan women refugees are the main crossborder operators. They find the business more lucrative than digging in the refugee settlements, and encounter fewer problems than their male counterparts who frequently end up in Zaïre's gaols as suspected guerrillas. Casual prostitution is a common means of raising the initial capital, but is usually discarded later on for a more business-like approach.

Maka is 21, and has been doing runs across to Zaïre every two or three weeks for the past four years. She is a large, elegant woman, dressed in orange, red, and russet brown. She is a member of a consortium of Ugandan women and girls whose ages range from 14 to 38. They exchange business information and travel in groups to search out the best bargains.

Two years ago, Maka used to buy gold, competing with Kenyans, Zaïreans, Rwandans, Senegalese, and Arabs, in a business which involved high profits and risks. She bought direct from the men who panned the streams near Goma, and often sold at three times the price back in Sudan.

She was lucky not to end up like so many others—a corpse. But on her seventh trip, the Zaïrean militia found her carefully-concealed match-boxes of gold dust, and she left £1,000 poorer.

Nowadays, with the guerrillas severing road and river links to northern Sudan, and thieves harassing traffic from Kenya, Juba and the south increasingly depend on the excursions of Maka and her colleagues.

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"Show your mother what's in your handkerchief, dear," said Miss Hilary. (Drawing by Peter Clarke)

ambition to be a vet, right through biology and physics with chemistry O-levels, and as the years passed, blow waves were threatened more frequently, suggested by aunts and visitors, last attempts to reclaim an odd and smotty child, almost too far gone.

"Why doesn't she have one?"

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my hair in an iron-grey bun.
Our dog died in the end,
when I was 18 and while my
mother was away. He turned,
in days, from a great, big
gamboiling lump into a weak,
featherweight bag of bones.
Miss Hilary came and took
him away. Lined him up as
easy as anything and carried
him to the car, smiling still.
Hair, tails, my mother, life
and death, she could deal
with all of it. I've met no one

MSprint

Although there is still a long, long way to go, the struggles of the women outlined by James Young have brought many hard-won achievements. Unfortunately for black women in South Africa this is far from the case. Their oppression grips them with an iron fist. It is threefold -- they are oppres-



Linda Blandford

Kevin Kline: "There is a snobbery that is very odd to me."

It is those very prejudices that work against many young actors. "There is a snobbery," Kline says "that is very odd to me. It's to do with people worshipping these things because they've been told to. 'Oh,' they say Tchaikovsky is a minor composer, Gershwin is no Ravel. And you can't move between film and theatre because one is lesser. People think the theatre is a one-way, sure-fire ticket to legitimacy but you can do a piece of fluff on Broadway, and that's still the live theatre."

He is 37, single, greying with a gingerish beard: he lives anonymously on the West Side of New York. He has been here since he came to the Juilliard School in 1970, part of the first, legendary Acting company under Houseman ("a benign dictatorship of course"). The bus tours, the one night gymnasiums, big theatres, universities, high schools. The School for Scandal, the Lower Depths, The Three Sisters, one week a lead part, the next a spear carrier. It was a thorough apprenticeship.

And now there is Shaw's Blumtschiff. After last week's opening night, the New York Times announced that Kline was "enchanting". A queue formed the very next morning outside the box office. He fusses that audiences here lack especially at cinemas.

"I always want to say 'do you mind, I'm having a religious experience here' and their digital watches are going off on the hour."

But mostly he loves what he does with a special energy and openness.

"To actors of my generation," he says, "anything reeking of pretentiousness was always highly suspect. I suppose by the standards I had in college I've sold out. This is establishment dribble. But I remember the director Wilfred Leach saying before we started *Pirates*: 'Let's just pretend this was written for us to do now.'"

examines the laws, customs and situation of African, American and European peoples. The majority are at the same time the most oppressed group in South Africa.

They need to fight not only against, but also vicious against their Racialist. Their movement by a black man, for instance, can result in a sentence of death; whereas rape of a black woman is treated as a minor offence. Their movement is restricted by the pass system and their access to education very limited. Even forces outside their own country exploit them. Dependent on the state, they are banned contraceptive, after being banned in the USA and several other countries. From the moment of birth a black African girl is at the bottom of the social structure of law and customs.

All this should make sorrowful reading, but the spirit and energy of the women is unmistakable. The disruption of family life caused by the migrant labour system and the industrial revolution produces a situation where women are completely dependent on men in terms of the labour force. Independent because they are at the head of their households, responsible for their family and forced to make decisions. The image of black women as depressed and subservient is often false — in order to survive at all they must have a great strength of character.

It is apparent from this book that feminism in South Africa has to be seen as part of the total liberation movement rather than women's own liberation.

But, sadly, it seems that there can be no universal understanding in South Africa. Apart from the Black Sash, almost white women, with their wives of exceptional privilege, show little interest in political activity. The activists like Winnie Mandela who are constant reminders of the women are key factors in the resistance to apartheid. She considers herself "one of the greatest resisters" and believes that "when we shall bring about the liberation of this land, the women will be in the forefront."

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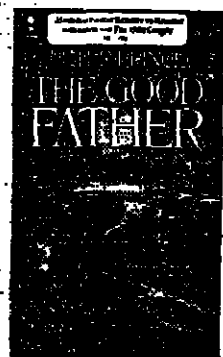
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Monty's day at Monte

YOU grow very fond of Monty Wikiwiki of the 28th Maoris in Cassino, A Bitter Victory (Granada). In any conceivable situation Monty is the one giving the V sign. Admittedly the wrong way round.

During the battle of Cassino the Maoris were ordered to take the town ("That night it was all hand-to-hand with bayonet and bren gun") but when the Germans came at them with tanks and Monty was ordered to stay put at all cost. "I said, 'Get stuffed. To hell with that. I ordered my men out'."

Lying among the dead, he was killed by a German. "I did think whether to say 'Get stuffed' or not." Decided not, shamed dead, splinted his broken leg and bumped his way back to his own lines on his backside.

Having a drink with the Governor General of New Zealand he said — no, he didn't — he said, "They gave me a bloody silly Military Cross. Why didn't they give me the big one, the Victoria?" He looked at me and said "You wasn't dead, Monty. You wasn't dead."

More than 185,000 men were. I mention Monty partly because, like his namesake, you notice when he is around and partly because a Maori at Monte Cassino? Like the four corners of the world in arms. British, Americans, French, Maoris, Gurkhas, Poles were thrown against that mountain and from their perfect defensive position crack German troops shocked them. The shock was still on their faces.



Robert Hardy... from Churchill to head of the Gestapo

Bombed, the monastery and town became a cavernous mound, full of broken teeth munched men. It was the Poles who at last wrung the ruins from the Germans. Even as they did, Stalin seized Poland: "We knew we had been betrayed but we continued to fight. It was a question of honour." Really I had no idea, no idea. Rationed to a handful of words I can't think of a greater compliment to pay a programme.

Jenny is clearly a variation on Jane, the Mirror's strip cartoon, though not of course as serious. During the war all was not lost while Jane still had something fully left to lose. Searching Germany for her son, Jenny repeatedly loses her clothes but never, plucky little woman, her last shred of her.

Last week in Jenny's War (HTV) she was working, for reasons we need not attempt to disentangle, as a maid in a high-class brothel. You knew it was high-class because you needed an appointment as at the dentist. Wearing a postage stamp sized frill on her head, she is pounced on and hears her first time a phrase which is to become all too familiar: "Remove your clothes!" Fortunately it turns out he only wants the microfilm from the heel of her shoe.

This week she was interrogated by the Gestapo: "Remove your clothes!" And she has scarcely disguised herself as a boy with a cap at a cute angle than she is saved by an escaping prisoner: "Do exactly as I tell you!" And guess what he tells her. Resignedly, she climbs into his clothes. Robert Hardy, only last week passing himself off as Churchill, tears off his whiskers and stands revealed as the head of the Gestapo. Meanwhile Jenny leads the Third Reich a pretty dance, sliding down laundry gaiters ("Quick we must get out of here!") escaping on motor bikes (into the woods!) and sporting a bewildering succession of unwelcome headgear. Dyan Cannon wears a preoccupied stare throughout like a body stocking, which, for someone who may have to remove her clothes at any moment, is just as well.

Long Term Memory (BBC 2): a maudlin, started the BBC's summer drama season with a whisper. It was the story of a man who, having lost his memory and left his family, returns 21 years later like a ghost.

It burst into life and brilliance just once when his own children sang "With a thousand little stars, we will decorate the ceiling. With an optimistic feeling we will build a little home, standing figure of their holding up a banner in hand like a man hearing after a bus he knows he cannot catch.

BY the simple expedient of refusing to force nature to become a metaphor for human emotions—the usual ones are loneliness (deserts and windswept beaches), anger (storms and avalanches), helplessness (victimhood), ravages (Bitter Long has succeeded in becoming the most revolutionary British landscape artist since Turner.

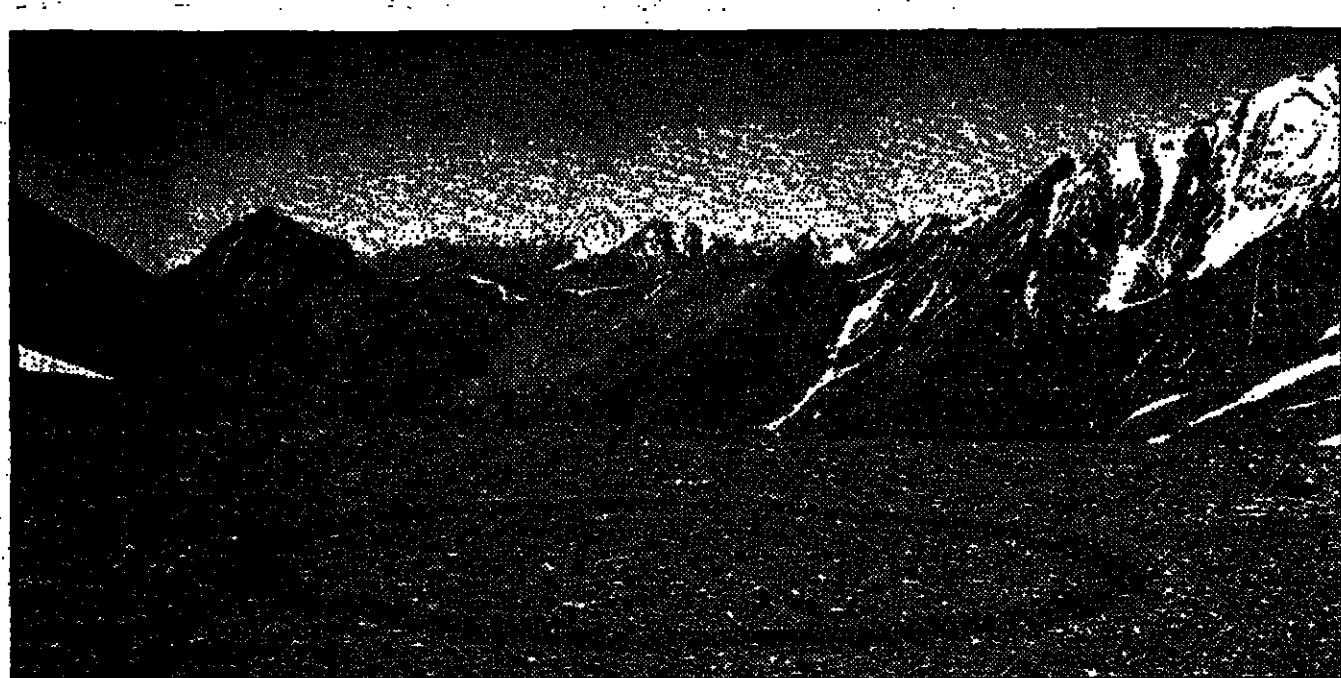
The greatness of his art seems to me to depend on his decision to borrow from nature rather than to take from her. Where other landscape artists, notably the Americans, were determined to prove the power man can exert over the landscape, re-routing entire stretches of river, building lake islands, wrapping mountains ranges, Long's art is content to adapt itself to the existing structures. It adds to the nature it finds quietly and sensitively. It is a gentlemanly art, a refined art, unmistakably English, an art which follows the Country Code.

In the Zasker Mountains of Ladakh in Northern India the jagged, craggy peaks put into the sky at awkward angles, like the rim of a broken bottle. The land in between the mountains is flat and covered in a thin carpet of shale. It is a landscape whose composure is rock hard and permanent.

For changes to take place in landscape like this any time must decide that she wants them. Nothing less than an earthquake could significantly alter the lie of the land or dent the tough, immovable beauty of such a place. Nothing that is, except art.

Last year, on one of his celebrated walks, Long traversed the Zasker Mountains and the series of works he produced is the focus of a deeply beautiful exhibition of photographs and word-pieces at Anthony d'Offay's.

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Walking A Circle In Ladakh (detail) by Richard Long (1984)

Waldemar Januszczak on the unique achievement of Richard Long

Landscape of the heart

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Not only is the grass always greener on Richard Long's side of the mountain range but the air is cleaner

RONNIE SCOTT'S
John Fordham

Betty Carter

BETTY Carter, the charismatic, theatrical jazz singer, was once an arranger for Lionel Hampton's band, and it shows. Show biz vocalists, no matter how classy, generally want their supporting performers to make them sound good, but stay out of the way. It has been for some time a characteristic of Betty Carter's — an improviser to her fingertips — to work with hornless trios of powerful young performers, to control their dynamics with an operatic repertoire of agonised, ecstatic, stealthy and sassy gestures, but otherwise to let them get on with it.

The combination of her remarkable musicality and technical agility with this openness of approach makes a Carter show something distinctly off the beaten track.

There are several Carter incarnations, but as the Village Voice's Gary Giddins has pointed out they all represent something about being a woman, when many female jazz singers have done their best to sound as dispassionate as possible. In the Good Life, taken at a slow and languid pace like a walk on a blazing day, Ms Carter propels notes at erratic intervals into the haze and lets them float and spin like an instrument as possible. In the Good Life, taken at a slow and languid pace like a walk on a blazing day, Ms Carter propels notes at erratic intervals into the haze and lets them float and spin like an instrument as possible.

Singing the line "what a little moonlight can do" she

takes on an urgent, conspiratorial air and lets the band hurtle into a wild, plunging exchange that sounded for a moment like a late 1960s Miles Davis band.

Everything I Have is Yours was sung in a still, autumnal hush save for one splintering falsetto at the end, a skyrocket of both passion and independence soaring over the prevailing mood. The Man I Love is sung with a child-like breathlessness, but is disconsolate in the falling, deliberate cadences of "I'll do my very best to make him stay."

Betty Carter, one of a handful of the world's great singers in any genre, is in London for a fortnight.

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Arrau

ARRAU has always been a thoughtful pianist, his performances appealing to reason as well as emotion. At 82, his technical powers almost undimmed, he seems to have receded a little from the music, to view it with loving care but also a little with detachment.

After so many years, one imagines that the fingers can almost look after themselves and Arrau is that much freer to listen to his own music, to modulate the message without descending into the thick of the fray.

This was most noticeable in the Liszt B Minor Sonata at the end of the concert, a work in which the close personal involvement of player with the mechanics of the piano often seems to be part of the music. Arrau makes



Betty Carter: off the beaten track. Picture by Allan Titmuss

the sonata less of a show piece, less startling and also more coherent than usual. He brings out strongly the song-like elements; Gretchen is surely a lyrical soprano, her themes shaped to the human voice rather than to the pianist's fingers.

The Chopin Preludes become more abstract than melodramatic, although robbed of none of their musical interests — in fact,

many rhythmic nuances give them unusual life and freedom. More than ever I heard instrumental covers in the work, almost wanting to congratulate the woodwind on their excellent ensemble in the quiet chordal epilogue.

There have been more emotional performances and times when the risks run by the virtuoso have been more apparent, but not many that so successfully vindicated

Liszt as a composer who knew exactly what he was doing and where he was going.

In Beethoven's Les Adieux and Appassionata sonatas there were no eccentric features or exaggeration of markings one could draw attention to. What made us listen so compulsively was first of all the finesse of rhythmic control, as when the resolutions of the first descent were fractionally delayed, or in the exact placing of the semiquavers, so often shortened in performance, in the first theme of the Appassionata. Next the exactly calculated balance between voices so that no detail is obscured.

COVENT GARDEN
Mary Clarke

La Bayadere

IT IS difficult, always, for a young ballerina who has made her name dancing secondary roles, no matter how brilliant her repertoire of classical variations may be, to take the next great step into actual ballerina roles. That Deirdre Eyden was of ballerina potential was evident from her graduation performances.

After joining the Royal Ballet in 1977 she quietly consolidated her position and then began to outline many of her contemporaries, notably in such jewels of choreography as the first and third solos in Raymond and La Bayadere. Now she has danced Nikiya and fulfilled the promise of her student days (her early training was at Merce Hetherington's celebrated school in Zimba-

and cooler, the views more breathtaking, the tranquility deeper, the textures of nature more varied and resonant, the underlying order of things more stable. He is the artist as explorer bringing back to the gallery evidence of an altogether more composed and intriguing reality to be found elsewhere.

The form of the evidence varies. In the word-pieces it is no more than a collection of evocative words each of which marks a point in the journey, a kind of verbal milestone that interacts with the photographs around it. From Pass To Pass consists of little more than a series of gloriously exotic names that provide raw fuel for the imagination and build up a walking rhythm, Prinkiti La and Kuba La, Pingdon La and Parkchik La.

In this exhibition's largest and most beautiful work, a 12-day walk through the North Indian mountains. We appear to be following an old footpath made by others long before us. The artist scrapes out and enlarges sections of the path, makes them more visible so that they become a kind of natural arrow pointing to the vista ahead.

It is as if the process seen in Mondrian's Pier and Ocean paintings in which nature was reduced to a basic geometry of pluses and minuses has been reversed. The pluses and minuses, or in this case the circles and lines, flow back out into the landscape tracing its natural rhythms, emphasising its natural structures, pointing out its natural good points.

Richard Long at the Anthony d'Offay Gallery, Devening St. until June 29.

Meirion Bowen
reviews the Philip
Glass concert at the
Almeida Festival

Glass darkly

THIS Philip Glass concert was the first in the UK (as far as I know) to be given by British musicians, rather than the composer's own ensemble. Predictably it was sold out, but maybe this will encourage more people to sample the other programmes in the truly remarkable Almeida Festival.

The music here was not the highly-coloured, well-amplified sort which has brought Glass a following in the rock world: rather, a selection of chamber music enabling the composer's aesthetic stance and technical procedures to be examined under a microscope.

A first observation might be that, with Glass, a work of art is synonymous with an excerpt. So when the pianist Yvar Mikhashoff played Openings from Glass works (1982), at the start you know that it is staying with repeated patterns of the kind that made Alberti famous could be regarded as a



Philip Glass

microcosm for the whole. And again, in Mishima (a score taken from a Coppola film), the Arditi String Quartet were involved in a meditation of tiny motifs at different tempi, and with varying emphasis, in each movement, always ending in mid-sentence.

Here, though, a paradox began to nag away at the listener. The non-narrative, static character of the music is often implicitly contradicted by the use of Western harmonies and scales, which are loaded with narrative significance after centuries of usage.

The contradiction inherent in Glass's music was most apparent in Songs from Quebec (1984) — three songs for unaccompanied chorus to texts by Leonard Cohen, Ottavio Paz, and Raymond Levesque.

Glass's settings hovered between a straightforward expressive treatment and a sort of deconstruction that scattered syllables around in the hope that they might replicate like bubbles floating out of a champagne flute. These songs were beguilingly sung by the New London Chamber Choir conducted by James Wood, to the extent of suggesting a new path for the composer to explore in the future.

The choir were joined by Alexander Balanescu (violin) and Paul Webster (organ) for some of Glass's most intriguing music: the five Kase plays which form interludes in his most celebrated stage-work, Einstein on the Beach (1975).

Edward Greenfield on classical music's answer to Band Aid Elgar's First in aid of Ethiopia



Sir Colin Davis

CONCERT AID is classical music's answer to Band Aid with its funds for Ethiopia. On May 15 at the Royal Albert Hall Sir Colin Davis conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Elgar's First Symphony at a charity concert in aid of the Oxfam fund for famine relief in the Sudan as well as Ethiopia.

RCA — newly resurgent in the classical field — had its engineers there, and now with a speed worthy of the pop world the finished record of the Elgar symphony is in the shops (RL).

70748). For an initial 90 days the suggested retail price will be £4.99 and thanks again to the musicians who all gave their services proceeds will go to the Oxfam fund. Quite apart from that deserving charity tag this is a warmly revealing performance, one which has me wondering whether Sir Colin Davis ought more often to have conducted recorded live. Though in the rapid and spacious account of the slow movement you have the maddening quota of uncontrolled coughs and the finale rather lacks the tightness of the rest, it is a revelation to hear Davis so easily expressive in Elgar.

By the standards of studio recording the sound is in soft focus, but as the composer himself proved, Elgar's orchestration takes beautifully to the Albert Hall with the rasp of trombones fat and rich, never harsh. Though balances are not all perfect the engineers have come to associate with the work Boult here has exuberance. The Spirit of Empire was not yet dead and victory

This is a version well worth getting, even if you have Elgar's First in your library already. There are the best versions of all of both the Elgar symphonies are the cheapest, both with Vernon Handley and the LPO on EMI, but by a coincidence another "revised version" has just arrived, also with the BBC Symphony Orchestra but originally recorded over 40 years ago.

This is the first of the five versions of Elgar's Second Symphony recorded by Sir Adrian Boult, the conductor who even more than the composer first demonstrated the power of the work (HMV ED 29 0355 1). Even after years of wartime evacuation it is astonishing what brilliant playing Boult drew from the BBC Symphony Orchestra in 1944, passionate and fiery but flexibly expressive too.

The speeds are regularly faster than Boult ever adopted later, and instead of the elegiac quality we have come to associate with the work Boult here has exuberance. The Spirit of Empire was not yet dead and victory

near, making even the epilogue radiant, not at all wistful as it usually is on the heroic motion theme.

The more recording, superbly transferred from 78s, if with the occasional surface swish, is finely detailed and beautifully balanced to make you forget inevitable limitations. The original issue of six 78 discs was a set I bought as a boy on the day it appeared, and I have long been claiming it as the finest interpretation of the work ever, but if anything my glowing memory had even underestimated its power and intensity.

In 1949 Boult with the London Symphony Orchestra made the first ever recording of Vaughan Williams's Sixth Symphony, adding a year later the composer's revised version of the scherzo. Complete with alternative scherzo, that 78 set has also now appeared in the HMV Treasury series along with two other Vaughan Williams works he recorded in the 1950s, The Lark Ascending and The Song of Thanksgiving (ED 290258 1).

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Until recently we have had the best of all worlds. We have adopted a kind of surrogate membership of Opec on prices, but not on production. So, until recent months, North Sea oil prices closely tracked those of Opec as if we were members, while our production let rip. Saudi Arabia, the leader of the cartel, cut production back sharply, but Britain kept pumping at full blast with the bizarre result that in April we actually produced more oil than Saudi itself. Together with the unexpected strength of the dollar (the currency in which oil is sold) this meant that the Treasury was regularly receiving extra revenue (nearly £2 billion in 1984/5) compared with Budget forecasts, which rescued the borrowing requirement from an even bigger overrun.

If this favourable conjuncture is now reversed, then a combination of falling oil prices and depreciating sterling could make oil revenues (now almost 13 per cent of total revenues compared with 6 per cent in 1981) undershoot forecasts. This, in turn, means that if there are to be tax cuts they will have to be financed by more asset sales like British Gas.

If sterling falls it will offset much, if not all, of the counter-inflationary thrust of lower oil prices, which our industrial competitors will gain from. But, against that, a lower pound would give a much needed boost to our industrial competitiveness, particularly if it was concentrated on currencies other than the dollar.

Britain has thus little to fear from a controlled re-adjustment of oil prices. Any doubts about the net gain to Britain would

be offset by the boost to the rest of the industrialised world in the wake of the slowdown in economic growth in the United States. What we need like a hole in the head is a sharp destabilising fall in oil prices, such as might be thrust on the world by the excesses of short term market forces, only to be followed a year or two later by an equally sharp rise.

Oil is undoubtedly being priced way above its "market clearing" rate at the moment, largely because of the self-denying ordinance of Saudi Arabia. If the Arab Kingdom decided (as it regularly threatens, in an effort to bring recalcitrant members of the Opec cartel into line) to flood the market, the price would collapse.

Instead the Saudis pursue a conservative depletion policy, preferring to keep the oil under the ground for future generations rather than trigger a collapse of world prices which, they fear, could destabilise the political as well as the economic system of the industrialised world. Meanwhile Britain, for short term reasons, pursues a distinctly unconservative depletion policy based on getting as much out of the ground as possible in the quickest possible time. This may be good for today's borrowing requirement, but is it right for future generations? The answer depends critically on whether we are entering a period during which oil prices will fall for the foreseeable future. If this is so, then the Conservatives' policy of selling as much as possible at today's cartel-induced prices may be justified. But if, as seems more likely, the world will sooner or later face a grave shortage of this finite resource, then the judgment of history will be — and should be — harsh indeed.

Black sections, grey issues

The important debate within the Labour Party over the setting up of separate black sections is threatening to get unnecessarily out of hand. Ever since last year's party conference threw out the proposal (by a huge, union-dominated majority of 5.5 million votes to 500,000), some radical constituency parties have deliberately put themselves on a road to defiance by unilaterally creating separate constituency black sections and authorising them to participate in

local party business, notably the selection of parliamentary candidates. At the same time, the issue has been debated by a Labour working party, chaired by Ms Jo Richardson MP, which on Monday submitted its report to the party's organisation sub-committee, advocating the formation of black sections with delegates at local, regional and national party committees. On Monday, the Richardson report's main finding was rejected by 12 votes to four, a position which is likely to be endorsed by the full national executive later this month. The stage is therefore set for a further series of rows between the party leadership and defiant constituency parties, and for another acrimonious debate at this year's party conference in Bournemouth in October.

There is something distinctly artificial about the atmosphere of confrontation which attaches to the debate. While there are some racist exceptions, the vast majority of Labour members (and certainly Messrs Kinnock and Hattersley) acknowledge that the party is insufficiently representative of its black and Asian supporters. The dispute is really about means and not about ends. Broadly speaking, there is agreement that Labour should have more black and Asian parliamentary candidates and more non-white councillors, that blacks and Asians should figure more prominently at all levels within the party, and that Labour policies against racial disadvantage and discrimination should be given much greater salience. Labour's past record on such issues has been defective — though not to the extent that is sometimes ignorantly alleged. But, be that as it may, the modern Labour party is already reforming itself. Policy has been strengthened. At constituency level, many parties in multi-racial areas are focusing their efforts on ethnic minority voters. Several have adopted informal mechanisms of positive discrimination to ensure better black and Asian representation on party committees. And a number of constituencies are going out of their way to select ethnic minority candidates, sometimes from "all black" short-lists. All this has been done without recourse to the setting up of separate black sections.

This is evidence of a politically healthy trend. It must, of course, be carried further by the dissemination of good practice among the more conservative parts of the Labour movement (of which there are

many). But it suggests that Labour does not need the sectarian black sections solution to achieve equal opportunities. No socialist party should needlessly balkanise its constituency into a mere federation of special interest groups unless there is no alternative. There are also sound constitutional objections to a separate national representation for blacks and Asians. Unlike the existing women's and youth sections, which can exist in every constituency, effective black sections could only be created in a small minority of urban seats. Only 27 parliamentary constituencies contain more than 20 per cent non-white voters, 19 of them in London. Yet this does not mean that there is no good case for some form of special equal opportunities lobby within Labour's structure. There is such a case, and it can be accommodated within the existing constitution without the need for black sections. Labour allows the affiliation of socialist societies such as the Fabians, the Cooperative movement, the Socialist Medical Association and the Poole Zion. A Labour Black and Asian Rights Campaign, open to all party members, could be given equivalent status and, given its likely size, it would stand a fair chance of dominating that section of the party. That would not give the separatists everything they want — but then Labour should not be a party of separatism.

Italy turns off the tap

At first sight a margin of only about eight per cent against a Communist proposal to reinstate the full indexation of wages in line with inflation in Italy looks like an uncomfortably close shave for Mr Craxi's government. Having forced through Italy's ninth postwar referendum on this tendentious issue (and narrowly lost), the Communists not surprisingly came close to claiming a moral victory. A senior party official made haste to point out that the vote of some 46 per cent in favour was half as high again as its recent electoral performance in the regions — when it lost ground — entitled it to expect.

This is at best a disingenuous view. Those who voted for the full restoration of what the Italians melodiously call the *scala*

mobile were simply out to award themselves a pay increase of 111 per cent. There is no need to search for a more complicated explanation in the realms of political philosophy and commitment. The precious little justification for doing so. The argument needs standing on its head. In that 54 per cent of the electorate that participated voted to deny itself an increase which was there for the taking, and to continue with a wage-freeze in force since last February despite a current inflation rate of about nine per cent. If there is anything remarkable in the result, it surely lies here, in the readiness of a majority to impose a self-denying ordinance upon itself in the face of easily gratifiable temptation.

The outcome leaves Mr Craxi even more firmly in command at the head of his five-party coalition government. Before the event he opposed the referendum on the grounds that it was unnecessary, costly, divisive and potentially damaging to a shakily reviving economy. During the campaign he took a calculated if slightly histrionic risk by staking the survival of his government on the result. It was only to be expected afterwards that he would say, as he did in effect, "I told you so." The relative low turnout by Italy's exalted standards and the lack of passion generated by the campaign add to the general impression of a serious Communist miscalculation.

Three consequences of this week's vote are immediately visible. Mr Craxi is more credible than ever as Prime Minister. The Italian economy will not be called upon to produce £160 million a month in extra wages unsupported by higher productivity, an annual saving of £2 billion-worth of inflation. And the Government has a chance to make a new start in incomes and general economic policy, in the knowledge that the need to appease Communist influence through organised labour has been powerfully reduced. As the Milan stock exchange predictably jumped for joy yesterday, private employers announced they were withdrawing from the *scala mobile* scheme altogether. All this means a rare opportunity for a country accustomed to convoluted and often paralysing compromise, and Mr Craxi hardly needs to be advised to take it, with the long-term interests of the self-sacrificing majority at the front of his mind. Meanwhile, if so many Italians can take the long view, why should it be thought impossible here?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If Lucrezia Borgia had tuned in to Starsky and Hutch

Sir, — Yet again (Agenda June 10) Mrs Mary Whitehouse seeks to shift the blame for the innate and timeless violence of mankind on to a mechanical device: television. She points to images of violence and asks: "Who defines for a generation weaned on such 'entertainment' the difference between reality and fantasy and who can be assured that such a line will be drawn or even understood?"

She ends her familiar litany by saying: "The IBA's latest declaration on the subject of violence (Dimensions of Television Violence, Barrie Gunter) is that it is, like beauty, in the eye of the beholder. God help us indeed."

Would she now care to comment on the most familiar image of violence in the Western world, an image which has been displayed in the most public places in cities and towns and throughout the countryside for centuries: the vivid depiction — often in three dimensions — of a man in agony, it is often life-size or bigger, and often carefully created with rivulets of blood pouring down the face and body of a figure whose hands and feet have been nailed to a cross, while a crown of thorns is rammed down onto his skull. Some people might wish to walk through the centres of our towns without such images assailing their senses. Small children are often frightened by them. Does Mrs Whitehouse intend to lead a campaign for their removal?

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WHEN Prince Charles became the first patron of the Royal College of Psychiatrists earlier this year, it was suggested that he should meet college officials not at a psychiatric hospital but at one of the newer community projects representing the "future."

The project chosen was Manor Gate, a community mental health centre situated in the middle of a working class housing estate in North-holt, West London. Charles duly made the visit and is said to have expressed great enthusiasm for its approach.

Such royal enthusiasm has come at an important time. July 1 is the new deadline for the regional health authorities to finish submitting three year strategic plans to the Minister of Health, Kenneth Clarke. At issue in psychiatric services, is how quickly the regions can close their mental hospitals and what alternatives they are proposing. Community mental health centres are now being frequently mentioned as one, very positive, alternative.

The idea seems attractive enough. Present community services for people who are mentally ill are an uncoordinated mix of outpatient clinics and day hospitals (run by health authorities), day centres and hostels (usually run by social services and voluntary organisations) and a variety of drop-in resources from GPs to local social work offices. What better than to combine many of these facilities — and the different kinds of professional help on offer — in one place?

This was certainly one of the motivating reasons for the rapid development of community mental health centres in the USA in the 1960s as a progressive replacement for mental hospitals. But the American experience suggests caution. Far from providing an alternative to hospital care for the chronically ill, their centres tended to concentrate on the more "attractive" clients: people who had specific emotional problems but were generally able to live a normal life.

So there are two main problems facing the development of such centres in Britain. One is to define their role: to specify which people they can help and which they cannot. And the other is going to offer full facilities for the "chronic" ex-patients who have spent years in hospital; or, at the other extreme, become the first port-of-call for people who at present go to their GPs for a pep talk and a tranquiliser and what about those who are experiencing an immediate crisis or breakdown and who would normally end up in an acute admission ward?

Second, how can the British centres develop new ways for the various psychiatric professions to work together



The long road to mental health: from the women's workshop at Redden in 1860 to Manor Gate community health centre. Sally Ho talks to a client (Photos: Mary Evans Picture Library and Garry Weaser)

Community mental health centres are the planners' new hope. But, as American experience shows, the concept has its snags. David Berry reports

Street level alternative

while retaining the support of the psychiatrists? Multi-disciplinary work and inter-professional equality is a direct challenge to the present psychiatric hospital hierarchy stretching up to the consultant psychiatrist who has final clinical responsibility.

Manor Gate community mental health centre, which opened last August, is one of four projected centres for the Ealing area. Eastgate House, which opened five and a half

years ago in the relatively prosperous Sussex town of Lewes, was one of the first centres in this country.

Their difference from conventional hospital and community services is immediately noticeable. Manor Gate looks like an ordinary community centre and blends easily into its surrounding 1960s housing.

Eastgate is an old stonemason's house in the middle of Lewes's main shopping street, the kind of

building in which one would expect to find a tourist information office.

Inside both centres, there is an atmosphere of controlled disorder. It's not immediately clear who is psychiatrist, social worker or client.

The staff I met felt at home with this contrast to the defined sterility of the psychiatric ward. They stressed the excitement and rationality of working in a multi-disciplinary team, the elec-

tric approach, and the cheerful informality which, as Manor Gate charge nurse Sally Ho put it, "doesn't stigmatise clients as mental patients."

But already there are some difficulties. An initial objective of Manor Gate was to offer a community service for some of the increasing number of chronic patients being discharged from St Bernard's hospital in Ealing, where in-patients have fallen from 2,000 fifteen years ago to

under 900.

Consultant psychiatrist Malcolm Duff-Miller argues that this means retaining, in part, a medical model for diagnosis, an emphasis on maintenance and medication for the chronic patients and strong links with St Bernard's for possible acute admissions.

Other staff disagree. They point out that such an approach differs little from progressive day hospital. The

Red and yellow and green and blue . . . Joy Melville talks to the therapists who are bringing colour to drab lives

Looking at the world through rose-coloured glasses

IF YOUR washroom at work is painted red, purple or orange, the boss's hidden message is, "Get back to work!" Research on astronauts at Houston, Texas, shows that bright dynamic colours make you feel you've been in a place a long time. But pink calms us, while blue and pale greens help our concentration.

The psychological effects of colour have been well researched: strident green is associated with anxiety states; yellow with schizophrenia; bright red with mania; brown with paranoia; blue with conscious control of emotion.

The wider healing properties of colour have also long been recognised. Back as far as the 16th century, Aurelius Cornelius Celsus, a medical writer, recommended using coloured ointments and black, green and white plasters. Now interest in alternative medicine grows, the healing power of colour and its effect on behaviour are being increasingly accepted.

Theo Gimbel, one of Britain's most noted colour researchers, runs the Colour Studios in Gloucestershire, began his work with handicapped children back in the 1950s. He too advises hospitals and schools about the emotional and physiological effects of different colours. He has also found that a combination of colours and shapes have a regenerative effect on living organisms.

Dorothy Theophilou-Sun, a colour therapist who has trained for four years under Gimbel, uses one of his rare, personally designed "colour instruments" when treating clients. Through this she projects light through geometric shapes ("sacred geometry, like pyramids, of mouth-blown stained glass"), altering the colours, timing, intensity and rhythm to fit the client.

She is the first local authority registered colour therapist in London, and treats the body on a physical, emotional, mental and

spiritual level. If you go to her with, say, varicose veins or depression, she will start with a counselling session with you. "From this I get the feeling of the person and I also ask them to fill in a questionnaire about the problem, its history and the circumstances behind it." She also asks for a photo and a small lock of hair.

Before treatment sessions, usually a minimum of four, she will each time draw up a chart of the spine. Holding the hair, photo and questionnaire below the chart, she focuses on each vertebrae individually. "Being sensitive, I pick up energy imbalances. I might suddenly get a prickly sensation and know that a particular vertebrae is out of alignment. From there I would come to a final conclusion about the colour treatment that is appropriate for treatment." These are called the therapy colour and its complement.

At the next session, you go straight into therapy. You have to wear a white or very

pale blue gown so that the colour vibrations from the therapy light instruments are not distorted and can easily be absorbed into the body. The room is darkened and, first, the pure daylight lamp (the "working light") comes on.

"I can vary the intensity of this light, which provides a conducive atmosphere for healing," says Dorothy Theophilou-Sun. "Then, as the working light fades, the centre filter, the therapy light, will come on, very gradually, and in turn, fade as it is replaced by the complementary colour."

The therapy and complementary light — for instance, red and turquoise — then go through an automatic sequence. The blue therapy light might, say, be on for a fraction of a minute, the orange complementary light for a few minutes. But the blue light gradually stays on longer, while the orange light decreases, each time the cycle is repeated.

The surface the root of imbalance of this person, and the therapy light increases to give more of the healing.

A session like this lasts about 20 minutes. Follow-up counselling goes over the feelings and sensations which have occurred, and any other areas that come up. Because they believe in an integrated approach (explained in their workshops and lectures), Dorothy Theophilou-Sun and her husband, Howard, complement their work with Aura Soils.

These healing oils, known as "balance in a bottle," were created last year by Vicki Wall, now in her seventies, who trained as an apothecary. Working at a natural healing clinic in Amersham, dispensing therapeutic lotions and creams, she was asked by a charity to make some of these in colour. She decided to make a balance of herbs and oil in dramatic jewel-like shades (though she herself is blind). To her surprise, people came back to her to say the oils had got rid

of backaches, headaches, and other ailments. She and a colleague started to build up a survey, finding that violet did this, red that.

They found, for instance, that a combination of red and gold gives you extra energy, that blue helps relieve stress and that blue and violet together (called the "rescue remedy") gets rid of minor aches and pains.

Although you can buy the oils direct, Vicki Wall, has now trained some 150 practitioners.

One of these is Jo Ann Humphrey, who first trained as a physiotherapist, and now works as an Aura Soils therapist in Rickmansworth. When clients first come to see her, she asks them to look at the rainbow spectrum of coloured oils, and choose three. "You're attracted by what you need. The first would be your aura, what you are; the second, reflects where there may be a slight imbalance, emotionally, physically or spiritually; and the third, what would put you

rationale behind a community mental health centre, they argue, is to resist orthodox diagnosis, to contain crisis and to practise a psycho-social model with an emphasis on counselling and therapy.

This disagreement is constructive: it comes from strong individuals confident of their own skills embarking on a new project. Manor Gate is its infancy: the 25 staff — 4 psychiatrists, 15 nurses, 6 para-medics (not all full time) — are still adapting.

Eastgate House has come down much more strongly on the psycho-social side. Clients are offered a variety of counselling and group and individual therapy: the chronic ex-patients are urged to attend groups like the anxiety management group and there is no injection clinic.

But Eastgate has only 12 staff — two full time, the rest part-time. With no money available to employ new kinds of skilled professionals, the actual help on offer has not been as radical as was originally intended: the centre remains treatment-based.

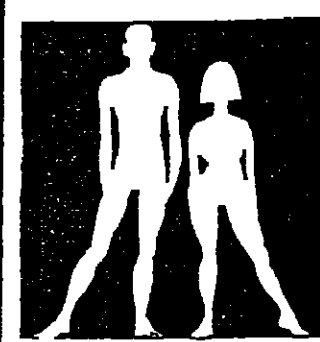
Eastgate was one of 11 centres listed in a survey by the Kings Fund last year. This noted 50 other centres in the planning stages, several of which have since opened.

Many of the original centres, like Eastgate, were social services initiatives, although employing some health staff. But now health authorities are making the running. This means there is a lot more money involved — and a lot more opposition from certain parts of the psychiatric establishment.

The American experience raises two further questions. Many of the US centres encouraged "outreach" work in the community, identifying people at emotional risk. It's an idea which many British centres want to take up. But David Hill, a clinical psychologist who has worked in American community mental health centres, warns that this "often led to the psychologising of problems that are in fact political ones."

Could the British centres, with the best of intentions, channel depressed unemployed people into therapy rather than revolt? Finally, in America the very energy and zeal of the initial centre staff led to "burn out". They were replaced by less confident and charismatic people, who reverted to traditional approaches. If this happens in British community mental health centres, it won't be the first time in British psychiatry that radical movement was turned into conventional psychiatric practice.

Planning and Monitoring Community Mental Health Centres is available from the Kings Fund, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 price £2.25.



BODY AND SOUL

It's a toss-up

THE laws of probability are not as simple as they seem. That's why there are a few rich bookies and a lot of poor punters. A visitor to London who gets on a bus in Oxford Street and discovers that the person in the next seat comes from the same town will marvel at the coincidence. And, indeed, the odds against such a happening are enormous.

But so are the odds against any one of the thousands of people getting on buses in Oxford Street sitting next to any one of the others. Until, of course, chance plonks them down side by side. In the end most solo passengers will sit alongside someone whom, according to the odds, they were extremely unlikely to meet. It's a paradox that many of us fail to grasp.

Millions of highly unlikely things happen around us every day. Yet, when we notice one of them, so great is our wonder that we're inclined to endow it with mystical significance. Small wonder that most of us have illogical notions about risk.

Though scientists may wish that things were ordered differently, our perception of risk is only partly mathematical. Sir Hermann Bondi, a distinguished Fellow of the Royal Society, illustrated the point neatly in a Wolfson College lecture when he described a Swedish plan to study the Aurora Borealis by firing instrument-carrying rockets into it.

When the rockets had done their job, the burnt out remnants were due to fall over an area of Lapland so sparsely populated that the mathematical risk of anyone being hit was minute. Even so, the Government felt it should offer protection. It flew out the reindier herders by helicopter and flew them back when the experiment was over.

As it happened, the probability of one of them being hit by a piece of rocket was less than one per cent of that of a helicopter accident but the action can be justified — politically if not mathematically.

If there had been no evacuation, the Interior Minister would have faced the accusation that he had done nothing to protect people for whom he was responsible. Yet, if there had been a helicopter crash, people would have accepted a statement that said: "We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the victims. We used a well-tried helicopter. Down by an experienced crew. We are appalled by what happened but there is no other precaution we could have taken."

Whatever the mathematician might have said, it would have sounded like a small print insurance event, an Act of God. Sir Hermann's lecture is one of eight on the same theme published last month in the book *Drugs, Surveillance Research Unit at the University of Southampton, describes how, when it comes to assessing drug risks, we are usually better at shouting the odds than calculating them.*

He argues, for instance, that the banning of the drug Opren was a mistake, building his argument on an appeal by Lord Rothschild in his 1978 Richard Dimbleby Lecture. Rothschild commented that anyone confronted with information about a drug, the number of people involved should respond with two simple reactions: "Is the risk stated in a straightforward way? If not, I can understand, such as 1 in 1,000, if not, why not?" and "Is the risk stated per year, per month, per day, or per some period of time? If not, I shall ignore the information."

When Opren was banned, says Inman, none of Rothschild's simple questions was answered. There was no indication of the size of the risk, nor of the period over which the deaths had occurred. And no one offered comparisons that would have been an antidote to panic. As a result, he claims, patients suffering from arthritis were deprived of a drug that could have helped them.

Inman reveals in pointing out illogicalities in our perception of risk as the jumbo example and in showing how we happily accept a scale of risk with surgery, or when driving a car, that we would never countenance with a drug. His arguments are convincing but I fear his mathematics are unlikely to touch the hearts of this nation of punters. Unlike the Swedish politician who ordered the helicopter lift, he ignores the fact that the punters, their confidence founded on ignorance, know deep down that most risks are Acts of God.

"Risk: Man-made hazards to man (Clarendon Press, £9.95).

Michael O'Donnell

CARDIOLOGISTS divide us into two types, according to how our personality affects our heart. Type A individuals are highly competitive, innately hostile and time-urgent (newspaper for an amalgam of punctuality, fast eating and rapid talking), whilst B types have raised laissez-faire to an art form, down in the milk of human kindness, and are sublimely indifferent to the passage of time. It is an uncomfortable fact that A's die twice as frequently from heart disease than B's, even when the risks of cigarettes, alcohol and cream buns are taken into account.

Personality is, to a large extent, genetically endowed — A-type parents usually beget A-type offspring. But the environment must also have a profound effect, since if competition is important to the parents, it is likely to become a major factor in the lives of their children.

Tell-tale signs can be inferred from family games of Monopoly when father cannot suppress his 6-year-old son's property of real value. In such a typically thrusting household, children's parties take on an ego significance, when guests must leave with a present many times the one they brought. Have been entertained by Gerry Cottle's Circus in a marquee in the garden.

The other place where children soak up A traits is, by a very school, which is, by a very nature, a highly competitive institution. Too many schools have adopted the "win at all

Competition by examination is dubious enough, but competition in the certain knowledge of failure is positively harmful. Exams, says Robert Wilkins, should carry a health warning

Danger, swot at work

costs" ethic and measure their potency by sporting success. The current mania for making children compete against their peers or against the clock produces a two-tier system in which competitive A types spuriously seem in some way better than their B type fellows. Addition to winning can have dangerous consequences: remember Pheidippides, the first marathon runner, dropped dead seconds after croaking: "Rejoice, we conquer!" By far the most iniquitous form of competition in schools is the disproportionate emphasis on examinations. It is a rare school that allows pupils to concentrate on those things they do well

The merits of competition by examination are dubious enough, but competition in the certain knowledge of failure is positively harmful. There should be a caveat: "Examinations can seriously damage your health."

Obviously, it is neither practical nor desirable that all A youngsters change into B's. The world needs both types, and schools have an important duty to try to fit a child's personality to his possible future employment. It is a fallacy, for instance, that people successful in business have to jet-set and gin-quaff, displaying their by-pass wealth as testimony to their competitive zeal; there are many B types in top management.

Nor need A types rule out a religious life: they should merely choose the more competitive, calling of the Benedictine rather than the contemplative life of the Trappist (Trappists live a great deal longer than Benedictines as a consequence).

If schools' preoccupation with academics was lessened, more time might be spent teaching children survival values. Perhaps the selection to the caring professions, especially medicine, could be assessed less by A level grades in chemistry and more by such considerations as sensitivity, altruism and compassion. It is surely a mistake to clone our doctors exclusively from A type stock. B's are important and should be encouraged.

Robert Wilkins is a consultant child psychiatrist in Reading.

A Government discussion paper on the relationship between social services departments and the voluntary and private sectors is expected soon. Herbert Laming warns against uncritical acceptance of the American model

Striking it richer than Texan oil

THE rapid increase in the very elderly and dependent population is causing the Government and local authorities to give urgent consideration to the services and systems needed to protect and support vulnerable people. Increasingly, the Government seems to be looking to the American model for inspiration. Welfare pluralism is firmly on the agenda, but the American pattern should not be considered uncritically.

Last year, I was seconded to a project in Cleveland, Ohio, to help establish care for elderly people at risk, to be based to some degree on the British pattern of "care in the community." My main function was to help establish a consortium of agencies to implement a State law aimed at protecting elderly people living outside institutions from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Britain has no legislation which refers particularly to abuse of the elderly, but 30 American states have found it necessary to introduce such legislation in recent years.

The Americans I worked with were surprised that their pattern of services should be considered either effective or efficient. There is no personal social services department in the US, nor any general framework of legislation

giving local authorities power, duties and responsibilities to protect vulnerable and dependent people. Private agencies compete for funds and clients, while the Welfare Department is a residual service identified with the poor.

There is a strong emphasis on costly institutional provision in both health care and social services. The fastest growing services in America are nursing homes and "total care centres" for elderly people, which provide everything from independent living to geriatric care on the same campus.

The boom in institutional care is perhaps not surprising. The Senate Special Committee on Ageing which recently looked into nursing home chains in Texas found they were enormously profitable. "The average return on equity for Texas nursing homes was 33.8 per cent, a rate higher than oil, banks and fast food franchises..."

Under the American system, the ability to pay is the first and most important question. The need for the service seems to be of secondary importance. So those with the greatest needs may be denied any service, whilst those with fewer needs may get quite lavish care. The best private agencies

provide a very high standard of service and we have much to learn from the way in which they treat people. Clients are highly valued as the lifeblood of the agency. Staff are selling a service. Management of resources is not left only to highly skilled professionals.

But the cost of health and social care has been increasing at an alarming rate. The Government department in Washington with the largest budget is Health and Human Services. Because people with the least private insurance cover are the highest users of health and social services — the old, the long-term sick, the disabled, the handicapped and the poor — the cost has fallen increasingly on the Government. Our NHS absorbs about 5.5 per cent of the GNP. In the US, the figure is 11 per cent. Services there are more costly.

Mr Fowler has called for Social Services departments to take on a strategic enabling role in making the most of resources available in the community to help those most in need. It would be unwise to look to the American model for guidance. There are more dollars in direct service provision than in strategic planning. Private agencies dominate service provision, while the planning agencies have

little executive control or influence. It is therefore exceedingly difficult to achieve change, and there is no consistency in the system.

In Britain, we have a remarkably good basic framework of public sector services, with support weak and vulnerable people. It is complemented in vital and imaginative ways by voluntary organisations and individual volunteers, and there is evidence that voluntary help is developing in ways suited to local needs.

Pluralism can add a further dimension without undermining the basic fabric. The private sector is likely to grow, but it is important that this occurs in socially acceptable ways, with assurances of minimum standards and guarantees against exploitation. There must be vigilance on issues like the expenditure of public funds in the private sector. Market forces in the US produce neither an efficient system nor relief for the taxpayer.

Herbert Laming is director of social services for Herefordshire and author of *Lessons from America: The Balance of Services in Social Care*, available from Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR, price £1.50.

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with an interest in working with women and girls. The job would also entail some work with young people, and developing a newly formed Users Committee.

EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY WORKER
to help strengthen relationships and co-operation between existing local organisations with a view to developing the resources of the area. The worker should also have an interest in working with young people and local clubs.

Team Leader/ Co. Deputy

(Ref G/8/5)
£10,725-£11,335 - Grade S01 (under review).

Wandsworth, who pioneered day assessment, are looking for a Team Leader/Co. Deputy to join their multi-disciplinary team of assessment workers, psychologists, teachers and social workers. The Centre, with its growing number of assessment workers, draws upon a variety of techniques and strategies in its work with children and families both within and outside the Centre.

The post involves both individual and group work with children, family work, and management tasks, such as supervision of staff and students, conference chairing, liaison with social work teams and children's establishments and policy making within the Centre. A capacity to work as part of a team, to make and implement decisions in line with Borough policy, an understanding of professional networks and skills in working with children and families are required. A professional social work qualification is essential with a minimum of 3 to 4 years post qualification experience.

Assessment Worker

(Ref G/8/6)
£3,780-£10,362 (Scale 6).

The post involves both individual and group work with children and family work. It involves assessing responsibility for specialist cases in assessment workers' report writing.

Applicants should have a degree or equivalent qualification in psychology, sociology, social work or a related discipline. A professional social work qualification in field or residential work is essential. An ability to drive would be desirable.

For further information about both posts and to request a job application form, contact Keith Hayward, Co-Deputy on 01-877 0452 or 074 8257.

Application forms from the Director of Social Services, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-877 6326.

Please quote appropriate reference. Both posts close 28th June.

Community Centre Co-ordinator

£10,633-£11,273 p.a.

Inclusive of irregular hours payment.

The Court House Centre houses a local voluntary community project's lunch club, youth club, children's centre, Latchley Club, LEA ABE classes and a project for social work students. The Centre, co-ordinates its activities, devises the arts and entertainment programme and develops use of the centre by a broad spectrum of the local community. You will have experience in managing a building and staff, working with voluntary community groups, arts and entertainment in a comparable setting and working within a local authority. This post demands energy, imagination and a flexible approach to working patterns.

Application forms from Leisure & Amenity Services, Personnel Section, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-877 6326.

Please quote Ref: G/1240, closes 19 June.

Wandsworth an equal opportunity employer

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTS OFFICER

Grade S01 £9,477-£10,107 plus car allowance

Applications are invited for this new post which has been created to assist and encourage the development of co-operative forms of enterprise and industry within the town. The appointment will be for an initial period of two years.

The successful applicant will:

1. Identify those who wish to set up such enterprises and assist in the promotion of co-operatives.
2. Co-ordinate the provision of training in management, finance, marketing, etc.
3. Provide continued support and business advice to new groups.
4. Liaise with the National Co-operative Development Agency and other bodies involved in co-operative development.

Evidence of commitment to the principles of co-operative enterprises and a proven track record of success in co-operative or entrepreneurial business and a sound understanding of the needs and problems of small business are essential prerequisites.

Temporary housing, etc., and general re-location grants may be available in appropriate circumstances.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1QR. Tel: 0424 634182.

Hastings Borough Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer. For informal discussion, potential candidates should call Mr. J. P. Steele on 0424 635006.

Closing date for applications: June 28, 1985.

CORONER

Southern District of Greater London

Applications are invited from suitably experienced barristers, solicitors or medical practitioners of not less than five years standing for the appointment of Coroner for the district covering the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Sutton.

Salary: £22,293 p.a. rising by 4 annual increments to £24,306, plus allowances of £5,019 for expenses of office and £1,419 London Weightings. The successful applicant will be required to contribute to the GLC's superannuation fund.

The Council adopts an extremely positive approach to equal opportunities. Applications would therefore be welcomed from women as well as men and from members of London's ethnic minority communities.

For an application form and further details write to:
GLC Director-General's Department, 11, 75
Room 509, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or tel: 01-637 7751.
Closing date 5th July 1985.

Two Staff Vacancies
FIELD OFFICERS FOR
BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO

IVS sends skilled people for two-year appointments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in:

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique
and Swaziland

Current responsibilities: architects, planners, civil engineers, foresters, agricultural, metal workshop management, business training officer, poultry hatchery coordinator, printed textiles crafts instructor, doctors, nurse tutors, occupational physiotherapist, medical lab technicians, accountant, teachers - science, maths, geography, EFL, remedial, primary, and pre-school/infant for health education.

2 year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Payment no housing for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland. For further details send short c.v. and large a.s.e. to: Rose Goringe, Dept. G22, International Voluntary Service, 51 Regent Road, Luton LU1 5YL.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

This Association currently has the following vacancies:

I ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SURREY AND WEST SUSSEX
(BASED-GUILDFORD) CIRCA £7,000

Applied Psychologists Research Opportunities

Current vacancies are in the following areas:

RAF Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambs — 3 posts

...to work on the analysis, design and validation of existing and future training systems and to undertake research relating to the training of officers on flying duties; or the initial and technical training of RAF basic grade ground staff and officers, and the effectiveness of personnel employed in the supply and engineering units of RAF Support Command.

Proven experience in the field of training technology and experience in job analysis, validation of training methods and equipment and the use of computers in training is essential.

Appointment as Psychologist or Senior Psychologist.

Admiralty Marine Technology Establishment, Teddington, Middx

...to join a research team investigating job design and training requirements for future ship and submarine control systems.

Experience of experimental methods and computers would be an advantage as would familiarity with training technology and/or cognitive ergonomics.

Appointment as Psychologist or Senior Psychologist.

Army Personnel Research Establishment, Farnborough, Hants

...to carry out research using in-house experimental simulator facilities to study problems of team and individual training for weapon systems.

Experience or training in the relevant areas of occupational psychology and in the application of training technology to the design of computer based simulators would be advantageous.

Appointment as Psychologist or Senior Psychologist.

All candidates must have a degree in psychology with at least second class honours, or an equivalent or higher qualification in which psychology was taken as a main subject. For appointment as senior psychologist candidates must also have at least 3 years' experience.

Salaries (under review): Senior Psychologists £9500-£11,920; Psychologists £6015-£9,735. Starting salary within the range according to qualifications and experience. The post at AMTE, Teddington attracts an additional £520 Outer London Weighting.

Further vacancies may arise in these and other departments.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 4 July 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alcon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1J8, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours).

Please quote ref: G(3)632.

Ministry of Defence

The Civil Service is an equal opportunity employer

WORKING FOR LONDON

Our equal opportunities policy can work for you. In many areas of the Council's work, women, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities are under-represented. Our positive approach to equal opportunities is aimed at redressing this imbalance and we would particularly welcome their applications for these posts.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

Job sharing arrangements are open to all applicants.

£13,065-£14,781 inc. Ref: CC6531.

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£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6620.

Training & Resources Team Trainers — Ethnic Minority Groups

The project provides training to ethnic minority community associations on welfare benefits issues. To increase our activities in providing the unique service we wish to recruit a further two trainers with an up-to-date knowledge of welfare benefits and experience of working with Afro-Caribbean and other ethnic minority groups. The ability to produce written training material is an essential aspect of the work.

£13,065-£14,781 inc. Ref: CC6531.

Publicity Team Information Officer

The response to our publicity campaigns creates this opportunity to assist in the production of publicity material and information packs. This will call for a detailed, up-to-date knowledge of welfare benefits law and practice, plus the ability to translate this into informative material for public consumption.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6526.

Publicity Officer — Ethnic Minority Issues

A publicity officer sensitive to the language and cultural needs of ethnic minority communities is needed to maximise the impact of media and publicity initiatives to ethnic minority groups. Experience in publicity or advertising and of working with ethnic minority groups is required.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6527.

Advice Workers — Ethnic Minority Initiatives

Information and advice to the public via our Mobile Benefit Buses and Freephone Service are particularly important aspects of local campaigns. To improve awareness and maximise the impact of these campaigns in specific community areas we wish to recruit a number of Advice Workers to work with the communities concerned.

Afro — Caribbean Community — calling for experience of advice or information giving, and of working in and with Afro-Caribbean groups or organisations.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6528.

Bangladeshi Community — calling for experience of advice or information giving, plus an understanding of the Bangladeshi culture and the ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing in Bengali.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6529.

Administrative Assistants

To work in support of Advice Teams both in the office and at outside locations on the Benefit Buses. Good organisational and communication skills are needed, together with the ability to work on your own initiative and manage a substantial workload.

£6,927-£9,255 inc. Ref: CC6530.

Computer Team

The advanced computer technology used to help identify and calculate benefit entitlement, particularly small hand held computers, are the subject of continuous development. Their success has been overwhelming and to maintain this progress we are expanding this team. Black and ethnic minority groups are particularly under-represented in this area of work and we would therefore welcome applications from members of these groups.

Computer Trainers

To be responsible for all matters relating to liaison, training and the support of users of the systems developed by the project. A working knowledge of welfare benefits, an understanding of computing systems and the ability to train a wide range of people in the use of the systems are the key requirements.

£13,065-£14,781 inc. Ref: CC6532.

Computer Development Workers

These posts assist in the development of new systems and liaise on the adaptation of existing systems to meet the needs of different Local Authorities, as well as providing support to users on appropriate maintenance and up-date facilities. A knowledge of welfare benefits and an understanding of the potential of new technology applications are essential.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6533.

Data Base Administrator

The project makes extensive use of an electronic business communication system for information storage and letter report production. A person with a broad knowledge of computing systems is now needed to oversee operations and train project staff. Good communication skills are prerequisite.

£11,325-£13,065 inc. Ref: CC6534.

Research & Information Officer

It is vitally important for the project to have knowledge of all available data on welfare benefits issues in planning its work. This post involves collating this information and assembling, organising and maintaining a library of reference material on welfare benefits law and practice, and liaising in the research of associated issues for policy development. An understanding of the Social Security System and the ability to extract and summarise complex information is essential.

£9,255-£11,325 inc. Ref: CC6535.

PA to Management Team

Good audio typing skills are needed for this post which provides full secretarial administrative support to the Management Team of three. Experience of new technology and the ability to establish your own work priorities are essential.

£6,927-£9,255 inc. Ref: CC6536.

Write to CCS Staff Section, Room 693 or tel: 01-633 6089.

Application forms must be returned by 28 June 85.

To obtain your form write to the appropriate Staff Section, quoting the ref. and room number on the envelope, to: GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Or telephone the number given.

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Working for London

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL OFFICER



The Association of Professional Executive Clerical and Computer Staff is a staff union with 95,000 members. The Union represents all grades of staff from clerks to managers. It has members in both public and private sectors. The majority of the membership is concentrated in engineering and allied sectors of industry.

Applications are invited for an Administrative and Personnel Officer. He or she will be responsible for the maintenance of a membership records system including computerisation and for all administrative matters relating to the management of premises, equipment and materials. He or she will oversee postal, telephone and print services. The job entails a prime responsibility for general personnel matters.

Applicants should have experience at this level of management and demonstrate the ability to work with computer consultants in the introduction of computerised systems.

Candidates must possess strong inter-personal skills and be able to operate effectively as a corporate team member.

The possession of a degree or an equivalent qualification is not deemed essential providing a record of significant personal professional achievement is evident. Salary will range from £11,430 rising to £12,830. New rates will be negotiable from July. There are other tangible benefits.

Further information and application form may be obtained from: R. A. Grantham, General Secretary, APEX, 22 Worpole Road, London SW19 4DF.

SUPERB OPPORTUNITIES IN RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Broxbourne is pursuing an active policy of providing excellent new leisure facilities. A high quality indoor swimming pool has recently opened and plans are in hand for the addition of a new level sports centre. These will supplement the wide range of existing facilities which include two important entertainment centres, an arts centre, a museum and a municipal golf course.

These are superb opportunities for people wishing to develop a career in recreation management in a progressive leisure environment. Ideally suited to a graduate or similar people, we are seeking applicants with ability, enthusiasm and initiative to fill these posts.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY OFFICER

— Salary up to £9,396 p.a.

We are looking for a lively imaginative marketing officer to provide a comprehensive service on all aspects of marketing, promotion, and advertising. Important qualities are commitment, enthusiasm, and flexibility of mind, and applicants should have a substantial degree of work at unsocial hours would be required.

RECREATION AND AMENITIES ASSISTANT

— Salary up to £8,544 p.a.

This post provides a support service to the Recreation and Amenities Officer responsible for the operation and development of a wide range of sport and recreation facilities.

The post will involve:—
— Management responsibility for specific recreation functions.
— Development of new facilities and services.
— Research and report writing.
— Relief duty management at recreation centres.

Assistance with training, removal expenses and housing are available with these posts.

Contact the Personnel and Management Services Officer, Manor House, Turners Hill, Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 5LE. (Tel: 0992 27333) for an application form and further details to be returned before 27th June, 1985.

BOROUGH OF BROXBOURNE

LEWISHAM AND NORTH SOUTHWARK HEALTH AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HANDICAP TEAM

Salary £8,821-£10,515 inc.

Working with a multi-professional team providing a community-based service for mentally handicapped people in Lewisham.

As well as previous administrative experience, preferably in the NHS, you will have organisational skills, the ability to influence and communicate with all types of people and a commitment to promoting the interests of mentally handicapped people and to ensuring that a co-ordinated service that is well planned and easily obtainable is provided.

For further information and an informal discussion please contact Mrs I. Craig, Hospital Administrator, Park Hospital, on 01-857 1181.

The Personnel Department, LEWISHAM HOSPITAL, South Wing Nurses' Home, High Street, Lewisham, SE13 6LH. Tel 01-850 4311.

Closing date for completed applications: 28th June, 1985.

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Don't keep it to yourself
We need your knowledge and experience
With sound practical experience and the necessary qualifications—degree, diploma, professional qualifications, HND, HNC, FTC, etc., depending upon your specialisation—you can train as a lecturer in Further and Higher Education. A one-year grant-aided course will prepare you to teach in one of the following fields:

Catering & Allied Subjects • Business Studies (Professional and Secretarial) • Construction • Engineering • Fashion Subjects • Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics • Vocational Preparation

Applications are welcomed from all suitably qualified persons including those from minority or disadvantaged groups.

For further details either phone or send the coupon to the following address:-
Garnett College, Downshire House, Roehampton Lane, LONDON SW15 4HR. Tel: 01-789 6533.

Please send further details and an application form for a one-year course to train as a lecturer. I enclose a stamped addressed reply envelope.

My subject specialisation is: _____
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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Transport Section Head
There are two key areas of responsibility attached to this post: developing the Council's role in the provision and support of transport services for people with disabilities and providing policy and technical advice on air and river transport issues. Experience in the planning and development of transport systems for people with disabilities is essential, with a degree professional qualification in a relevant discipline. Strong analytical, presentation and staff management abilities are essential.

£14,781 - £16,545 inc. Ref: TD6475.
Write to TD Staff Section, Room 454B or tel: 01-633 7791.

Transport Planner
To undertake the analysis of major surveys of travel behaviour and travellers' preferences and to present them both graphically and in written reports. A sound background in analysing data and interpreting results, with some experience in survey design, is required, backed by a degree in mathematics, statistics or other relevant discipline.

£11,325 - £13,065 inc. Ref: TD6476.
Write to TD Staff Section, Room 454B or tel: 01-633 7791.

Deputy Administrative Officer
To provide a lead in administrative, financial, personnel, accommodation and housekeeping matters for the Legal Branch, and, where required, for the whole legal services. This requires a flexible and sensitive approach, coupled with strong problem-solving ability and sound knowledge of management systems and procedures. Experience should include preparing annual estimates and financial returns, drafting reports and team management.

£13,065 - £14,781 inc. Ref: DG6551.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Development Planner
To assess grant applications from local groups and voluntary planning bodies, made under the Council's Community Areas Policy. Applicants should be qualified planners, architects, valuers, surveyors or similar, with report-writing ability and proven experience in managing projects and dealing with members of the public and outside organisations.

£9,255 - £11,325 inc. Ref: TD6499.
Write to TD Staff Section, Room 454B or tel: 01-633 7791.

Deputy Head of Staff Section
Central Computer Service
To provide day-to-day direction of the section providing a full personnel service to some 465 ALTEC staff. Work is organised into 3 teams, dealing with recruitment, pay and conditions and accommodation/office service matters. Good staff management skills and the capacity to organise and coordinate a substantial workload are needed together with a knowledge of employment legislation and local authority conditions of service and an interest in the application of new technology.

£11,325 - £13,065 inc. Ref: CCS6497.
Write to CCS Staff Section, Room 693 or tel: 01-633 6089.

Committee Clerks & Assistants
To clerk or assist in the clerking and servicing of one or more of the Council's Committees or subsidiary bodies. The broad range of committee section work is essential, from organising and attending meetings, to preparation of agendas, minutes, decision sheets and reports to linking with Council Members, officers and the public. Experience of working under pressure is essential together with drafting skills, tact, initiative and a co-operative approach. Appointments are at four levels: experience/knowledge of local government committee work or related procedures and proven management/supervisory skills are essential for the more senior posts.

Committee Clerk £11,325 - £13,065 inc. Ref: 6565.
Assistant Committee Clerk £9,255 - £11,325 inc. Ref: 6566.
Senior Committee Assistant £6,927 - £9,255 inc. Ref: 6567.
Committee Assistant £5,919 - £8,125 inc. Ref: 6568.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Finance Team Leader
Central Computer Service
This is an opportunity for someone who is numerate and capable of quickly learning computerised accounting systems to develop skills in new technology within the Finance Section of the Council's major computing organisation. The section provides a payments, budget, monitoring and costing service to the department and prepares invoices for the users of its facilities. The Team Leader will contribute to all areas of the work of this busy office. From preparing invoices to maintaining financial records.

£6,927 - £9,255 inc. Ref: CCS6577.
Write to CCS Staff Section, Room 693 or tel: 01-633 6089.

Personnel Assistant
Central Computer Service
This post is responsible for all day-to-day matters in respect of recruitment, non-taxable expenses and payment of a small group of temporary weekly paid staff. Applicants should have an understanding of personnel issues, the ability to organise and prioritise a varied workload and good communication skills.

£6,927 - £9,255 inc. Ref: CCS6498.
Write to CCS Staff Section, Room 693 or tel: 01-633 6089.

Application forms must be returned by 28 June 85.
To obtain your form write to the appropriate Staff Section, quoting the ref. and room number on the envelope, to: GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Or telephone the number given.

Leicester City Council

As part of the City Council's commitment to Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of racial status, sex, race, disability, or sexual orientation.

Chief Executive's Employment and Economic Development Unit 3 Development Officers

Salary: £8,477 - £10,107
The City Council is committed to developing the local economy, and to creating and preserving employment opportunities, and to improving access to work for other benefits for local people. Improving access to work for other benefits for local people. Improving access to work for other benefits for local people. Improving access to work for other benefits for local people.

Post 1 - Within the Economic Analysis Section
To assist in the review of the City Council's economic policies and in the development of a longer term economic strategy. To support research projects and other initiatives by the Council and others to improve the understanding of the local economy, and to advise on action in this sphere. To establish contact with local employers, workers and unemployed, to develop consultative machinery to help the Council and to liaise with officers in other departments to help the Council co-ordinate its response to the needs of the local economy. The successful candidate will be expected to have had research experience of economic issues, or to have worked with trade unionists or employers organisations and to be a graduate in an appropriate discipline (e.g. economics, planning or statistics, or other).

Post 2 - Within the Distribution Team
To provide support and advice to projects and other initiatives funded by the Council. To assist in the development, co-ordination and implementation of employment and training policies. To undertake liaison and joint working with other departments and outside bodies to improve the distribution of income and benefits to the disadvantaged.

Post 3 - Within the Social Enterprise Team
To provide support and advice to community projects grant aided by the Council. To assist in the development, co-ordination and implementation of the Council's programme of positive support for co-operatives. To formulate the Council's strategy for municipal and community enterprise, and to promote the development of community businesses.

Candidates for Posts 2 and 3 should have experience in one or more of the following areas - working with voluntary groups; Ethnic Minority and Women's groups; employment/training initiatives; co-operative development; policy formulation. Local authority experience is desirable but not essential. Candidates should indicate which post they are applying for. The Chair of the Employment and Training Policy Sub-Committee, Social Enterprise, is very keen to encourage applications from members of ethnic minority groups and women. Application form (returnable by 28th June)

Housing Area Housing Manager (Management Branch)

Salary: £11,582 - £12,945
Leicester has fully comprehensive Housing Department which manages its stock of 36,000 dwellings from 8 Housing Offices each headed by an Area Housing Manager responsible for most of the normal estate management functions. A vacancy has arisen for an Area Housing Manager in the Saffron Area and offers an opportunity to work with an enthusiastic team in an innovative and progressive Authority. Applications are invited from people who are sensitive to the special housing needs of a multi-racial City, who believe in promoting a friendly, caring and personal local housing service for tenants and can demonstrate their ability to motivate staff to achieve this. The responsibilities of the post require broad experience in Housing Department functions. In particular, experience in the area of public landlord/tenant relationship is essential, as is the ability to relate at senior level with Members of the Council. Tenants' Association and other interested groups. The postholder will be required to contribute positive policy recommendations concerning the functions controlled. Previous supervisory responsibility at senior level is essential and a Housing Management qualification is desirable. The nature of the post requires some work to be undertaken out of normal hours. This is a re-advertisement: previous applicants need not re-apply. Assistance with relocation expenses up to a maximum of £2075 and temporary housing accommodation are available in approved cases. Application form (returnable by 28th June 1985) and further details from Director of Personnel & Management Services, 'B' Block, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 5ZG. Telephone 549322 ext. 7024.

...your city council working for you

THE RAINER FOUNDATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING/RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

(Temporary appointment from 1st August, 1985, to 31st July, 1986)
Due to maternity leave a vacancy has arisen for this senior management post in a flourishing national voluntary organisation. The successful applicant will join the Head Office Team at Blackheath comprising Director, 3 (2 other) Assistant Directors, Director of Appeals and Financial Secretary, for up to one year. Rainer provides a range of services for young people (14-21 years) 'at risk', and this post will hold responsibility for the support, supervision and management of 5 projects (including some development work). Four of these projects offer supported accommodation (non-residential) to young people who are homeless/about to leave care, and have developed as 'special projects' working closely with different housing associations. We have one residential care project in Friar Barnet, an independence training unit for 12 young women, all about to leave care - Newhaven House is noted for its progressive style of working and the resettlement service it provides for its residents. Applicants must have housing/management experience and knowledge of skills in housing finance, budget preparation and experience of negotiating with various funding authorities. Experience of residential work useful. This is a challenging post and we are looking for a person who can work flexibly and creatively to offer each project the appropriate form of management support, and who will be able to consolidate the work of the housing projects, in particular to secure the financial base of some of the projects. Knowledge of voluntary organisations an advantage. Two of the projects work exclusively with young women and all of them are multi-racial. A commitment to anti-racist and non-sexist ways of working essential. Although some management experience is an advantage this would be an exciting promotion for someone wishing to develop management skills, who has the necessary potential, level of commitment, and experience. Salary Point 42 (£12,961) to Point 44 (£13,668) plus OLWA (£657). Holidays: 27 days plus public holidays. Apply to: Richard Key (Director), THE RAINER FOUNDATION, 89A Blackheath Hill, London SE10 8TJ. Closing date: 5th July, 1985. The Rainer Foundation is an Equal Opportunities Employer

DOWNLAND HOUSING SOCIETY CHICHESTER, WEST SUSSEX

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT (DESIGNATE)

We require an Accountant, with suitable experience, to work alongside the Chief Accountant and take over in October 1986. Candidates must be members of one of the recognised professional bodies. Knowledge of Housing Associations an advantage but not essential. Emphasis will be placed on proven capability, good accountancy background, modern accounting techniques including computerisation. Must have personality to contribute to Management team, responsible to Director and Management Committee. Age range late 20s - early 40s; commencing salary based on experience; not less than £12,500 p.a. Successful applicant will work in modern offices in city of Chichester. Assistance with removal costs considered. Downland is a registered Housing Association which has enjoyed continuous growth over some 20 years, managing approximately 2,400 properties in S.E. England and thus able to offer progressive future to the right person. Please write with full CV to: The Director, Downland Housing Society Limited, 1 Little London, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1PH

ALCOHOLISM COUNSELLORS MANCHESTER

Private alcoholism treatment clinics with multiple locations have vacancies for qualified counsellors. Must have counselling and public speaking skills, be abstinence-orientated, and be able to work under medical supervision. Persons with relevant life experience also encouraged to apply. Write with c.v. and desired salary: MANOR CLINICS, Box No. 60 192, The Guardian, 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR.

VOLUNTARY ACTION CAMDEN CAMDEN VENTURES PROJECT WORKER

Voluntary Action Camden is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from men and women from all sections of the community. We now have a vacancy for a Project Worker within Camden Ventures - a forward looking youth unemployment scheme based in Camden Town, NW1. The scheme is involved in arranging a wide range of placements for trainees in the community and in running an Office Skills Workshop. Applications from Gillian Hall, VAC, 2531 Tarskett Place, London WC1H 9SE (01-838 2071) - quoting Ref CV22. Salary Scale £6,250-£8,510 inc. Closing date: Friday, June 28th, 1985.

GENERAL

Riverside Health Authority

Paramedic, London SW6
PA/SECRETARY TO DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES
This is a challenging job for a paramedic who is responsible for the management of the Unit's nursing services. The post is fast and our Director requires someone who is on the ball and capable of leading the team. Good shorthand typing skills required. We can offer sports and social activities at our social club. Salary £5,301 plus £7,000 p.a. inclusive plus proficiency allowances payable for certain secretarial certificates. Further details available from Joan Entwistle, Paramedic Green Circle, 01-736 3333, ext. 884. Closing date June 26, 1985.

Newham Rights Centre

A Community Law Centre in the East End of London require a

HOUSING COMMUNITY WORKER

Job description and application form from: General Secretary (AL) 880 (H400), 32 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED. Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 25th June 1985.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE \$20,190 - \$21,762 per annum (Re-advertisement)

The Council administers the District services in the areas comprising the former Clydebank Burgh and villages of Old Kilpatrick, Dunrother and Hardgate, and has a positive commitment in the provision of high quality services to a population of approximately 52,000. Following the referral on health grounds of the former Chief Executive, the Council invites applications for the post from candidates with extensive managerial ability to play a major part in the further development of the services. The person appointed will be the Council's Chief Executive on matters of general policy, with leadership of a Management Team, and responsibility for overall co-ordination and implementation of the policies of the District Council. For this extensive local authority experience, or experience in a related field is essential, coupled with managerial experience at a senior level. A thorough understanding of modern managerial techniques, together with an appreciation of the issues and challenges facing Local Government is desirable. An enviable working environment is offered where management is by motivation and in return, excellent conditions of employment and re-location assistance is available where applicable. Applications with C.V. stating age, qualifications, experience and names of two referees must be lodged by 21st June, 1985 marked private and confidential for the Interim Chief Executive, Mr. J. Gollagher, District Council Offices, Clydebank G81 1TG. (041-941 1331) from whom both job description and further details can be obtained. Convancing directly or indirectly will lead to disqualification.

Clydebank District Council

BRENTFORD AND CHISWICK CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Temporary Part-time Deputy Organiser
Salary £2,772 to £3,510 pro rata
Required to work two days a week in this busy London bureau situated in Chiswick. Ideally applicants should have experience of working with a large team of volunteers. Advice work experience essential, CAB training preferred. This post is temporary to cover a maternity leave vacancy. Closing date June 28, 1985. For application form and further details please write to: Pamela Stonehill, GLCABS, 31 Wallington Street, London WC2E 7QH. As an Equal Opportunities employer, GLCABS wishes to encourage positively all applicants regardless of disability, race, sex, or creed.

Social Services Department Wyre Forest Area Office

Social Worker
Required to join existing generic team covering the West of Kidderminster. This vacancy occurs at a time when there are developments taking place in the area towards more locally based services. Applicants must be qualified and preferably have experience or interest in the development of neighbourhood/community based social work. Salary level 2 or level 3. Applicants for level 3 must satisfy County Panel requirements. For further details telephone Teresa O'Neill, Team Leader, Kidderminster 66531, extension 245. Application forms to: Social Services Department, Health Centre, Browngrove Street, Kidderminster. Closing date: June 28, 1985.

Hereford and Worcester County Council

WILTSHIRE SOCIAL SERVICES

ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR (TEAM SERVICES) WESTERN WILTSHIRE AREA

Salary £13,326 - £14,358 per annum
Western Wiltshire covers a population of approximately 210,000 within an urban and rural area of ten towns. The postholder is responsible for six Community Generic Teams, a Child and Family Guidance Team and two Hospital Teams - the Area providing the social work service to the Bath District Health Authority. The postholder has a key role in policy formulation, its implementation and service planning, including joint planning with other agencies, especially the Health District. Applicants must be car drivers - car allowance payable. Disturbance allowance of up to £1,155 plus actual cost of removal, in approved cases. For informal discussion please contact Mr. Noel Pizzey, Area Director (Trowbridge 3641, extension 3700). Application forms and further details, quoting 85/262, from Director of Social Services, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, (Trowbridge 3641, extension 2972), returnable by June 28, 1985.

Wiltshire

Team Leader West Dorset Area Centre

Salary up to £11,562
We are looking for a professionally qualified Social Worker with at least three years post-qualification experience to manage a team of social workers with elderly and mentally handicapped people in the Dorchester area. We will provide the professional support to enable you to meet the challenges, together with opportunities for your professional managerial development. A full valid driving licence is essential and car loan scheme is in operation. Relocation expenses payable in approved cases. Temporary accommodation may be available. Salary according to qualifications and experience. For informal discussion, please telephone Mr. G. Hughes, Area Director, on Dorchester 67071. Application form, returnable by June 28th, 1985, and further details from Director of Social Services, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1JL. Please quote Reference R1050X.

NORTHERN REGION CO-OPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION LTD

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKER IN GATESHEAD
Appointment of:
NRCD promotes and assists the establishment of worker and community co-ops in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. We are now looking for an energetic and committed person to join our team and build on our success. The job involves giving practical advice including marketing, financial and organisational advice to new and existing worker and community co-ops. As well as liaison with statutory bodies, the person appointed will be expected to assist in training and promotional programmes. Commitment to and experience of this expanding economic sector will be considered more important than formal qualifications, although those recently qualified are encouraged to apply. The salary is £11,025 p.a., subject to annual review and contract. NRCD is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, sex, marital status or any disability you may have. For further details, application form and a job description contact: Vicky Holmes, NRCD, Bolton House, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1SE. Tel: Newcastle (0632) 810140. Closing date - Friday 28th June 1985.

GREENWICH HOMEWORKERS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT/INFORMATION WORKER

Anti-Racist, Community experience essential. Applications from women regardless of race, creed or religion are invited. (Section 3.16 of Sex Discrimination Act applies). FULL TIME OR JOB-SHARE. SALARY £10,134 (inc. London Weighting). Details: 01-854 8012. Closing date: 25th June, 1985.

CARDIFF CYRENIANS are seeking an

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR

to join an equal pay (SO1), equal responsibility team of five workers. The successful candidate will have the knowledge and experience needed to provide a full administrative service for the agency and its staff. Management, combined with an ability to maintain an objective overview of the work and growth of an inner city charity working with the single homeless. Previous experience of working in voluntary organisations important. Qualifications desirable but not necessary. Knowledge of computer programming would be an advantage. Send a stamped addressed envelope for job description and application form to: Philip Morgan, CARDIFF CYRENIANS, 35 Trevelian Terrace, Cardiff. Closing date: 28th June, 1985.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION requires a

UNION MANAGER

WHO WILL WORK WITH AND LIAISE BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND STAFF OF THE STUDENTS' UNION. Higher expertise will be used to ensure the efficient management and operation of the Union and to research and suggest changes and developments beneficial to R.U.S.U. There are 54 full-time and part-time staff employed in shops, bars, canteens, travel, welfare, administration, accounts, and portering cleaning. Six Heads of Departments and five members of staff report directly to the Union Manager. Annual turnover is in excess of £1.5m and the building is in constant use. Applicants should have either previous managerial experience in a student union environment or proven experience in the management of a multi-functional organisation similar to that described above. I.S.C.A., M.B.M., I.P.M. qualifications would be advantageous, but not essential. Salary will be dependent on academic and professional qualifications and experience, but would not be less than £15,000 p.a. JENNY COLLEY on Reading (0734) 60222, ext. 205. Closing date for completed application forms: Monday, 24th June, 1985. Previous applicants need not apply.

CRESCENT COMMUNITY CENTRE 45 ASHDOWN CRESCENT, LONDON NWS

CENTRE ORGANISER

Scale 6 £9,780 p.a.
Temporary vacancy until May (start August)
ASSISTANT ORGANISER
Half-time. Scale 5 £4,388 p.a.
Mainly work with young people.
Closing date June 28th
Details and forms: Ruth, on 01-485 7886

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

District Comprehensive Housing Officer

Grade PO7 £17,658-£18,708

The South Hackney District has Area Bases through which an increasing range of Housing Services are being delivered locally.

South Hackney consists of high density Council estates and private sector and Housing Association tenanted housing. Hackney, generally, has a wide range of black and ethnic minorities and you will need to work actively to promote the development of appropriate services and equality of access to them.

We need someone with vision, energy, enthusiasm and stamina to carry on the process of developing effective and responsive local services, despite the many frustrations of working in inner city local government in the current climate.

You will be responsible for and report to your District Housing Committee on a wide range of functions including: Estate Management of some 7,000 Council properties; Extensive Capital Programmes, including modernisation projects; Close liaison with the Direct Labour Maintenance Organisations; Direct responsibility for more than 100 officers and manual staff and liaison with many more and co-ordination of Council services towards private sector housing.

In addition, you will be part of the Directorate Management Team and have special responsibility for Borough-wide policy and programmes.

Please quote reference T484/G.

Job share applications will be welcomed with or without a partner.

Casual user allowance and car loan facilities are available.

If you wish to discuss this post informally, please telephone Tony Shoultz, Director of Housing, on 01-985 3191.

Application forms are available from John Penney, Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA, or telephone 01-985 5331 (24-hr answering service), quoting reference.

Closing date: June 28, 1985.

The Council intends to decentralise its services, therefore the duties, hours of work or location of this post may be subject to change.

HACKNEY COUNCIL
Working for local people

We positively welcome applications from black people, disabled people and women where they are under-represented in particular jobs.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Support Services)
Take a new look at leisure

With the increasing demand for leisure activities the City of Westminster have created a new Department of Leisure Services.

The Department's basic brief is to integrate the planning of appropriate services to cater for all aspects of leisure needs and to develop initiatives to match the changing demands for the purposeful use of leisure time.

As one of five Assistant Directors and a member of the Senior Management Team you must have a relevant qualification in public administration, combined with extensive experience in one area of support services and the energy and enthusiasm to make a major contribution to the development of the Department.

You'll be expected to provide effective support to the front line services with direct responsibility for finance and accounting (including the Management Information System), personnel and training, management development and office services (including new technology), forward planning, research, marketing, sponsorship, publicity and publications.

This new and fascinating role demands a high degree of commitment together with a flair for innovation.

It offers a challenging opportunity with a salary within the range £15,606 to £16,635 inclusive.

To obtain application form and job description please send postcard, telephone or call at the Personnel Management Division (Reference: LS13), PO Box 240, Westminster City Council, City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6GP. Tel: 01-594 4444 (24 hour answering service). Closing date: June 28, 1985.

National Federation of Housing Associations

HOUSING MANAGEMENT OFFICER
PO1 (£11,652-£14,229 p.a.)

The National Federation of Housing Associations today celebrates its 50th anniversary as the representative body of the voluntary housing associations to government, at national and local levels, and to provide advice and guidance to its 2,000 member associations.

The NFHA has created this new permanent post, responsible to its Chief Housing Management Officer, to help housing associations meet increasingly high standards of housing management and maintenance. Giff system, sound experience of housing management and maintenance in the voluntary or public sector, and be able to write clearly and concisely. Maintenance experience is especially important since a particular responsibility will be to work with a practitioner group to establish objective standards of maintenance performance, and the cost of meeting these standards, with a view to a revision of the NFHA maintenance standards.

For an application form (returnable by 28th June) and job description, please write to David Page, Chief Officer, Housing Management, NFHA, 175 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8BP, or telephone 01-572 8571. The NFHA is striving to be an equal opportunity employer, and welcomes applications from women and men, regardless of ethnic origin.

Area Organiser (Colchester)

We require a person with good management skills and commitment to helping the poor overseas, to lead our team in East Anglia. Responsibilities include the development of our shops, supporter network, fund-raising, education and campaigning work in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex.

The successful candidate will be an efficient organiser who is able to lead and motivate staff and volunteers, with the stamina required to work unsocial hours. A clean driving licence is required and a car is provided.

Starting salary £11,151 per annum rising by annual increments to £13,010 per annum.

For further details and an application form, please send a stamped addressed envelope to: Oxfam, 274 Barbican Road, Oxford OX2 7JZ. Closing date for completed applications is 28th June. OXFAM IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

OXFAM

CO-ORDINATOR

WEST END CO-ORDINATED VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR SINGLE HOMELESS PEOPLE LIMITED

WECVS comprises ten agencies working together to respond positively to the needs of single homeless people in Central London.

We wish to appoint to this established post a person with the ability to manage voluntary organisations. Good skills in communication and a sense of commitment are essential.

Salary within NCU PO1 - Points 35/43 £11,864 - £14,574 inclusive.

Further information and application forms from Harry Field or Cynthia Powell, 3 Calendon Road, N1. Telephone 01-833 0895. Closing date for applications 28th June. Interviews 4th July.

CO-ORDINATOR

from September to co-ordinate the work of our centre.

Experience of working in one or more of the following areas is essential: community / women's / multi-racial groups; employment and training; welfare rights; trade-unions.

We particularly encourage applications from black, Asian and working-class women.

Salary: APS.

Closing date: 17th July.

Details from: East Leeds Women's Workshop, 181 Herthill Lane, Leeds 6. Tel: 05327.

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Psychology in the Prison Service Key support roles in data monitoring and evaluation

London and Middlesex up to £6,319

We are looking for a number of men and women to provide back up to Psychologists working in the Prison Service.

As a Psychological Assistant, your work varies according to the Unit you join. At the Young Offender Psychology Unit, near Lambeth Bridge, for example, your job emphasis will be on the evaluation of current developments in young offender institutions, and the main task will be to collect and process data. This will involve visits to institutions and also the opportunity to develop your skill with computers.

At Holloway or Wormwood Scrubs Prison your responsibilities will include monitoring the characteristics of the prison population, some testing, helping in research and probably some involvement in treatment or training activities.

At Feltham Youth Custody Centre you will be concerned with the Unit's programme of assessment and treatment; this too will mean monitoring, evaluation and collecting data.

You will receive all the necessary training. Naturally, there will be a certain amount of routine clerical work but, where possible, you will also have the chance of operating micro-computers.

You must be aged 21 or over and have at least 5 'O' levels, including English Language and Maths, or equivalent.

Starting salary: £5,019 plus £1300 London Allowance (£520 if working at Feltham), rising to a maximum of £6,319.

For an application form, to be returned by 3rd July 1985, please write to: The Home Office (TM/R2), FREESTOP, London SW1P 4YW (no stamp required).

The Home Office is an equal opportunity employer.

H.M. Prison Service A Service for Society

EALING FAMILY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

seeks a

COMMUNITY WORKER — ETHNIC MINORITY HOUSING

Salary £8,687-£10,646 inclusive plus car allowance

Ealing Family Housing Association is an active West London association with strong commitment to ensuring genuinely equal housing opportunities for ethnic minorities.

The Association is seeking to replace a Community Worker who has developed considerable links with black groups over the two years of the project to date. The Community Worker's role will be twofold: to assist groups to identify and meet their housing needs; and to help the Association to make appropriate forms of housing provision for ethnic minorities.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate solid experience and practical achievement in community work or a related field; a knowledge of housing issues; an ability to prepare concise reports. Detailed knowledge of the Asian or Caribbean communities in West London is essential, and an ability to speak Punjabi and Hindi would be an advantage.

Application form and further details from:

Mrs Gwen Shewring
Ealing Family Housing Association Limited
St James House, 105/113 Broadway
London W13 9BE

Closing date for applications: Friday, 28th June, 1985.

Ealing Family Housing Association Limited is an Equal Opportunities employer and applications are welcome from members of all races, both sexes and registered disabled persons.

WORKING WITH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS

PROJECT ORGANISER

DEPUTY PROJECT ORGANISER

In 1978, John and Sandra joined this Christian Charity (United Response) to set up a voluntary forward-thinking project for 15 young adults living and working in four houses in Crawley, West Sussex. They have now chosen to move on, and we need a Project Organiser and Deputy Project Organiser to complete the team of five staff.

Qualifications / relevant experience plus driving licence essential. Non-resident post with occasional duties and sleeping-in where necessary.

Salary scale (under review): £7,000-£9,500 and £5,000-£7,500 respectively.

Contact: John Bay, United Response, 1 Thorpe Close, London W10 or Tel 01-960 5868.

READING CYRENIANS RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKER

Reading Cyrenians, a charity working with single homeless people, have a vacancy for a support worker, resident in our long-stay house, with extra responsibilities for our new group home. The job is to facilitate the development of a residential community in a non-drug way, and will provide useful professional experience for people interested in following social work or related careers.

Full board provided, and £20 per week. Closing date for applications June 28th.

Application form and details from: Mr. J. P. Smith, 1 The Drive, Barnwood College, Wotton Bassett, Wiltshire BA1 2EL. (Phone No 0745 78517).

RESIDENTIAL WORKER

Alone in London Service requires a worker to join a team in an innovative hostel project for homeless young people aged 16 to 21.

Applicants should have relevant experience particularly in a multi-ethnic setting.

Salary: £9,994 plus sleeping-in allowance.

For further details and application form please telephone or write to: Alone in London Service, c/o The Cavendish, 12 Cavendish Street, London WC2E 8RN. Tel: 01-499 5555.

Closing date for applications, 3rd July, 1985.

CO-ORDINATOR

from September to co-ordinate the work of our centre.

Experience of working in one or more of the following areas is essential: community / women's / multi-racial groups; employment and training; welfare rights; trade-unions.

We particularly encourage applications from black, Asian and working-class women.

Salary: APS.

Closing date: 17th July.

Details from: East Leeds Women's Workshop, 181 Herthill Lane, Leeds 6. Tel: 05327.

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BOROUGH OF TORBAY COUNTRYSIDE RANGER

Scale 3/4 (£5,922-£7,329 p.a.)

Applications invited for this new post centred at Berry Head Country Park, Brixham, (SSST). Duties include management, conservation, and educational aspects.

Applicants must be car driver / owner. Rental accommodation available. Removal / disturbance allowance etc.

This post is grant aided by the Countryside Commission.

Further details and application forms, returnable by Thursday, 20th June 1985, from Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Torquay, TQ1 3DR. (Tel: 0803-26244 Ext. 337).

EMPLOYMENT WORKER

The SCVS Employment unit need a 3rd worker to share the work of the team and to develop training and employment initiatives. The workers' first priority is to produce guidelines on good employment practice in the voluntary sector. Experience of campaigning, especially round employment and unemployment, developing projects; trade union or community action; and a commitment to eliminating racism and sexism necessary. Experience more important than qualifications.

Salary NCU APS including L.W. Job shares welcome. Funded by the GLC & LBS, September 1985.

SCVS aims to be an equal opportunities employer and applications from people with experience of working with women and black people especially welcomed. The worker will be expected to be a member of the relevant trade union — ACTSS.

For further details and an application form write to: SCVS, 138 Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E.15. Tel: 01-732 3731.

CLOSING DATE: 28th June 1985.

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

required to set up and develop a new local advice and information service on alcohol-related problems.

Liaising with both the general public and professional bodies, the successful applicant will be responsible for identifying local needs and initiating appropriate services. Some relevant experience would be an advantage but a particular interest in this field together with good communication and counselling skills are most important.

Initially this will be a three-year contract. Part-time considered (pro rata salary). Salary £2,385-£10,079 inclusive of L.W.

Application forms available from Counsellor, Mrs Blair, care of the Civic Centre, London Borough of Bromley, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, Kent. Closing date: 3rd July, 1985.

STONHAM HOUSING ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST LONDON BRANCH

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

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YOU CAN SELL IT IN THE GUARDIAN

MID GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL Social Services Department

1. SENIOR DAILY LIVING ADVISER

for people with a mental handicap — Ogwr District Social Services Office

Scale S01 Salary: £9,477-£10,107 per annum

2. FULL-TIME DAILY LIVING ADVISER

for people with a mental handicap — Taff Ely District Social Services Office

Scale 6 Salary: £8,532-£9,114 per annum

3. PART-TIME DAILY LIVING ADVISER

for people with a mental handicap — (18½ hours) — Cynon Valley District Social Services Office

Scale 6 Salary: £4,266-£4,557 per annum

If you care and wish to participate in the initiatives now being developed in the Mid-Glamorgan County to provide a comprehensive service and opportunities for enabling people with a mental handicap to have a more independent life style — then do contact us!

At present 16 Qualified Occupational Therapists are working for the Department providing a rehabilitative service to the physically handicapped. The All Wales Strategy for the development of Services for people with a mental handicap has provided an opportunity to extend this service, which will include both adults and children.

Applicants must be qualified Occupational Therapists and on appointment will be based in District Offices working as members of a Community Team. The District Co-ordinator (for people with a mental handicap) will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Advisers' work and professional support will be provided by the Department's Principal Assistant (Occupational Therapy).

An essential car user allowance and removal expenses in certain instances will be payable.

For further details please contact Mrs. Yvonne Davies (Principal Assistant) on Cardiff 28033, extension 602, or Mrs. Rhianon Jones (Principal Assistant) on extension 634.

NATIONAL CONDITIONS OF SERVICE
CANVASSING WILL DISQUALIFY

Application forms to be returned by July 1, 1985, are available from the Director of Social Services, Mid-Glamorgan County Council, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff. Tel: Cardiff 28033, extension 616.

Economic Development Officer — Training

Salary: £13,983-£15,015 PO4

You will be responsible for managing and developing a large employee-based training programme, with over 300 training places leading to recognised qualifications and permanent jobs. You will be expected to build a successful record of achievement in the terms of high quality training, progression to employment and positive action towards women, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. As a senior member of the Economic Development Unit, based at 90-100 High Road, Wood Green, London N22, you will play the leading role in training policy development and in the integration of training with other aspects of economic development.

You must have a proven track record on managing a training programme, and a knowledge of the disadvantages faced by Black, Asian, Irish and Cypriot people and by women, young people and people with disabilities. You must be able to lead and motivate a team of training officers to undertake policy development work at the highest level and to work under consistent pressure.

An understanding of the role of training within local economic development and a knowledge of local government, private sector and MNC structures would be an asset as would experience of staff supervision and budgeting. A relevant degree or professional qualification is desirable.

Applications from Black, Asian, Irish and Cypriot people are particularly encouraged.

For an application form and job description, please telephone 01-861 6085 (24 hr answering service) quoting reference MS 520.

Closing date: June 28, 1985.

Haringey

Progress with humanity

Haringey is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, marital status, sex or any disability you may have.

FAMILY HOUSING ASSOCIATION — SWANSEA

HOUSING MANAGER

Salary £9,477-£11,025

The Association wants to appoint a suitably qualified person to lead its Housing Management section.

The successful candidate will take responsibility for all aspects of housing management and be keen and able to pursue special projects initiatives in the inner city areas we work in.

Further details can be obtained from:

ANDREW MORRIS, DIRECTOR
FAMILY HOUSING ASSOCIATION (SWANSEA)
43 Walter Road
SWANSEA SA1 5PN
Tel: 0782-460192

The closing date for applications will be 1st July 1985

BROMLEY ALCOHOL ADVISORY SERVICE

PROJECT WORKER

required to set up and develop a new local advice and information service on alcohol-related problems.

Liaising with both the general public and professional bodies, the successful applicant will be responsible for identifying local needs and initiating appropriate services. Some relevant experience would be an advantage but a particular interest in this field together with good communication and counselling skills are most important.

Initially this will be a three-year contract. Part-time considered (pro rata salary). Salary £2,385-£10,079 inclusive of L.W.

Application forms available from Counsellor, Mrs Blair, care of the Civic Centre, London Borough of Bromley, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, Kent. Closing date: 3rd July, 1985.

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WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND POLICY CO-ORDINATOR POLICY UNIT

a) EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ADVISER (WOMEN)

PO ab up to £12,343

b) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Scale 6 up to £5,114

Wolverhampton Borough Council is looking for talented and energetic officers for these posts to assist in the development and implementation of its equal opportunities policies. Enquiries will be placed on commitment and the ability to achieve early results.

The City Council has recently re-organised its Personnel Department and is looking for suitable people to fill two key posts. Both offer unique opportunities and will demand an imaginative and dedicated approach.

Principal Personnel Officer

PO £13,326 - £14,358

This is a second-tier post. The postholder will lead a section responsible for:

- EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
- TRAINING
- WELFARE
- HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are in the process of extensive development in all of the above areas with particular emphasis on equal opportunities training. The postholder will have an opportunity to contribute to major policy development.

Membership of the IPM or an equivalent qualification is preferable but not essential. Experience and proven management skills are our main requirements.

Assistant Principal Personnel Officer

PO £10,718 - £11,582

The Department has identified a number of key areas for future development within the Establishment Section. These include:

- ESTABLISHMENT AND GRADING REVIEWS
- ESTABLISHMENT PLANNING AND BUDGETING
- ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM / COMPUTERISATION

In order to progress the work on these areas we have created this new post. It is suitable for someone experienced in the establishment, grading, and personnel records fields in the public sector.

Membership of the IPM or an equivalent qualification would be an advantage. This challenging position offers a real opportunity for career development. For both these posts a relocation package and temporary housing accommodation is available to qualifying candidates.

For further details and application forms contact Ken Coddling, Personnel Department, City Hall, Norwich. Tel: (0693) 622233, Ext. 255. Completed applications must be returned by 8th July, 1985.

Norwich is an equal opportunities employer

CITY OF NORWICH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
NATIONAL PARK AND COUNTRYSIDE DEPARTMENT

Two Assistants are required £9,922 - £22,622 (starting salary in accordance with qualifications and experience).

CONSERVATION ASSISTANT

To assist with a range of practical tasks in the National Park to enhance the landscape, protect wildlife habitats and improve public footpaths, carried out in cooperation with landowners and farmers.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

To assist with the development and management of departmental properties in the National Park and throughout the County (country parks, picnic areas, car parks and buildings such as information centres and toilet blocks), involving the organisation of a wide variety of work in the construction of outdoor recreational equipment, landscaping, fencing and building maintenance.

Applicants should have training and preferably a relevant qualification, together with a minimum of three years' practical experience for the Conservation Assistant, a diploma in agriculture, forestry or similar with experience in traditional estate maintenance work, for the Project Management Assistant, a diploma in building or landscape, with experience including building and estate maintenance). If unqualified, applicants should have at least seven years' relevant experience in these fields. All should have proven organisational and supervisory ability (since the work is done by departmental and MSC-funded labour, small contractors and volunteers), also be physically fit, resourceful, able to show initiative and hold a valid driving licence.

Further details and application forms from the National Park Office, Eastburn, South Park, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1BS. Tel: (0434) 60 5555. Closing date: 2nd July, 1985.

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Development Officer

Health Services
£8,722-£11,355 p.a.
Including London Weighting

The RNIB is the pre-eminent national charity serving the blind.

A new post has been created to ensure that the RNIB is informed of problems and developments in the health field affecting the prevalence, treatment and alleviation of visual handicap. The job holder will initiate and co-ordinate RNIB activities in this sphere. The Development Officer will not advise on individual health problems. He/she will report directly to the Deputy Director-General. The ideal candidate will have knowledge and work experience at a professional level in the health or related field. He or she must demonstrate a record of innovation and a pro-active approach. In addition, he/she must possess enthusiasm, personal persuasive skills and the ability to work effectively with others. A degree or equivalent and experience of committee work would be advantageous.

It is unlikely that a candidate aged less than 25 would have sufficient experience to fulfil the role. Applications should be made to an appropriately qualified visually handicapped person who will be particularly welcome.

Please send a sufficiently detailed cv to avoid the need for an application form to: Personnel Officer, ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA. Closing date: 5th July, 1985.

RNIB

Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority

LIAISON WORKER (TEMPORARY POST)

UNIT FOR SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL HANDICAP

This post has been funded for 18 months, to meet both the research and operational needs of our programme to move people with mental handicap out of hospital and into community housing within the community.

You will use skills and experience in this role to assist and plan for the needs of the community. You will need to make a positive contribution into research into the community methods used in this project.

Salary in the range of £7,009 to £23,801 inclusive.

If you are interested and should like further information, please contact: Shirley Oliver on 01-231 7050.

For an application form and full description please contact the Personnel Department, Lewisham Health Authority, 100, New Road, Lewisham, London SE13 5LH. Tel: 01-499 7253.

Closing date for applications: June 26, 1985.

SOUTH WEST HERTFORDSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Leavesden Hospital ART THERAPIST

The Art Therapy Department is autonomous and consists of two full-time Art Therapists. The successful applicant will be expected to take over some existing groups, to develop new work with new referrals and to assist with the general running of the Department. Salary: £6,709 - £7,416 p.a.

Informal enquiries to: Cora Driscoll, Tel: 04509 10923. Apply to: Personnel Department, Leavesden Hospital, Leavesden, Herts. SG11 2JH. Tel: 04509 10923. Closing date: June 26, 1985.

Brent Health Authority

DAY THERAPY UNIT, KINGSBURY HOSPITAL

The Rachel Potter Centre for mentally handicapped adults requires a Grade 1 Instructor to provide training in basic literacy, numeracy and communication skills and to take overall responsibility for a group of clients. The post also offers the opportunity to explore the use of computers with the mentally handicapped.

Also required: a Grade 2 Director of day care activities for running of day care activities for clients. The tasks are intensive, challenging and demanding. We are looking for someone who will display a sense of humour, enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute into the preparatory methods used in this project.

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ISLINGTON VOLUNTARY ACTION COUNCIL

INFORMATION WORKER

17 1/2 hrs p.w.
To cover for Maternity Leave (6-12 mths)
Salary: £10,000 (inc) pro-rata

Further details:
IVAC Employment Unit,
322 Upper Street, London N1 2XQ
Tel 01-226 4862

We positively encourage applications from women, black, ethnic or disabled persons.
Closing date: June 26, 1985

SOCIALISM AT WORK

Tameside Metropolitan Borough

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL RESOURCES ANALYST

SALARY UP TO £12,243 PA (pay award pending)

We need a highly numerate graduate (preferably with a relevant postgraduate degree) to undertake work aimed at attracting government resources to Tameside. The successful applicant will be innovative, have had experience perhaps in research or education requiring the use of statistical skills, and should be genuinely interested in working in a financial environment. Career progression could be in the finance, research, or administration fields.

The post offers the opportunity to use and develop microcomputer applications, experience of which would be an advantage.

For informal discussion ring David Postlethwaite on 061-344 3863.

Policy Co-ordination Department

SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER

POLICY CO-ORDINATION UNIT

SCALE

6/PO2 £8,532 to £12,243 PA

The Research Unit provides services for members and officers on a wide range of policy issues currently facing a Metropolitan Borough.

Duties involve assisting in the review of policy options, undertaking specific research projects, preparing reports and briefs for management, and giving technical support to departments on analytical, method, monitoring, and management information systems.

The successful candidate will be a numerate graduate able to communicate with people at all levels, and with previous practical experience of survey techniques, statistics, and computer packages and systems.

Application forms and further details for both posts from the Chief Personnel Officer, Council Offices, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside, Greater Manchester OL6 6DL, to be returned by June 26, 1985. TAMESIDE - AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

City of Sheffield

An Equal Opportunity Employer

PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE OFFICER

PO11 £12,243 to £13,326

As part of the reorganisation, city-wide maintenance and improvement programmes for the housing stock are being developed. The Authority is currently developing planned maintenance programmes to deal with general building maintenance, re-roofing, rewiring, central heating installations, and other associated work to the 33,000 dwellings under its control. The Programmed Maintenance Officer will be required to lead a group of staff responsible for planned maintenance programmes related to the City Council's housing stock. The Council is seeking a suitably qualified person with several years' experience in the co-ordination of housing maintenance. The ability to assess the condition of properties and prepare suitable programmes of work is essential. The person appointed will be required to give professional leadership in technical matters and the duties will include supervising the preparation of maintenance programmes, monitoring expenditure and progress, attending meetings of various Project Groups, and maintaining liaison with other Officers of the Housing Department, other departments, and Tenants' Associations.

Applicants should ideally be Chartered Surveyors or members of the Chartered Institute of Building or equivalent, be experienced in building repair and maintenance and familiar with current building and safety requirements.

Further information can be obtained informally by ringing Stephen Brooks (Principal Technical Officer) on 0742 735523.

APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE PERSONNEL SECTION, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, TOWN HALL, SHEFFIELD S1 1WA. TEL: 765433. CLOSING DATE: JUNE 26.

City of Sheffield

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Strathclyde

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH OFFICER

Melver House, 51 Cadogan Street, Glasgow.

Salary Scale - G.S.1-A.P.V.S.O.1 - £20,248 - £12,560.

Placing according to qualifications and experience.

The successful applicant will play a central role in the design of Regional information systems, their implementation, and the use of information for practice evaluation and planning. At minimum, applicants should have a good Honours Degree in the Social Sciences. Further information is available on request.

Application forms may be obtained from the Assistant Director of Manpower Services, Glasgow Sub-Region, Strathclyde House (5), India Street, Glasgow G2 4PF, to whom completed forms, quoting Ref. 03786, should be returned by 26th June, 1985.

R. M. O. McCULLOCH, Director of Manpower Services

Strathclyde Regional Council

HOUSING MANAGER

OXFORD HOUSE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

Relevant housing association experience in inner urban areas is essential. Salary £11,043; benefits include 30 days annual leave and essential car use allowance.

S.A.E. for job description and further details from: Richard Gee, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2 6HG. Closing date, 1st July, 1985.

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Head of Social Services Training

Social services training in Camden now has extra dimensions which opens up unique challenges and, we think, new opportunities.

Primarily you'll be expected to develop the skills and abilities of our staff to meet major departmental priorities such as:

- re-directing our existing services to meet the needs of a multi-ethnic community
- maintaining a recruitment policy which acknowledges the wealth of experience within the community as well as formal academic qualifications
- developing a foster care and adoption policy which stresses the need to match children and prospective parents with their respective communities
- expanding Camden's present service so that the needs of all under 'fives' are met.

This will involve identification of training needs, preparation of training plans — and monitoring their implementation — and advising the Directorate on all aspects of training policy and practice. You will also represent the department on training issues, both internally and externally.

As Head of Training, you'll need more than the ability to devise, plan and implement in-service programmes, you'll need the drive and ambition to see them carried out.

You should have good planning skills together with the ability to supervise and motivate your staff in a teamwork approach. Experience in training at an advanced level in a related discipline is essential. You must also have a proven commitment to the implementation of an equal opportunities policy relating to service provision and employment.

Salary for this position will be in the range £13,490-£15,606 pa.

For further details and an application form please write to:
Director of Social Services, Willing House, 356/364 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8BH, or telephone 01-337 5821. (Answerphone), quoting reference number 10/278/G.

Closing date: July 15, 1985.

Camden Social Services

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed, religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

NATIONAL YOUTH BUREAU

Senior Youth Work Advisers

The National Youth Bureau provides information and other services to people engaged in youth work in a wide range of settings: local authorities and the voluntary sector. It is largely government funded, has charitable status, and employs 60 staff based in Leicester.

The Bureau is now undertaking an extensive reorganisation following a review of its structure, funding, management, and services, and two new staff teams will shortly replace a number of smaller, separately funded units.

The Field Services Team will be responsible for meeting the needs of both practitioners and policy makers through the provision of information development, training, consultancy and research services, and through enabling them to develop collective responses and joint action on important issues.

Two Senior Youth Work Advisers are needed in the team to initiate, co-ordinate, and undertake these activities in two major areas of the Bureau's work:

Community Involvement by Young People (post A)

By working with youth and community agencies, statutory and voluntary, the Bureau aims to enable and assist young people both to take action on issues of concern to them and their communities and to participate in community based projects. The successful candidate will have worked in a variety of youth work settings and will have a broad understanding of community involvement policies and practice. He or she is likely to have experience of both management and practice in voluntary and community organisations.

Young People at Risk and in Trouble (post B)

The Bureau aims to support and promote the youth work contribution — through a range of agencies — to young people at risk or in trouble, the co-ordination of services at neighbourhood level, and youth responses to young people with special needs or disadvantages. The successful candidate will have had experience of social and/or youth work in an inter-professional context, and of work with or for young people at risk or in trouble, preferably as both manager and practitioner and in both statutory and voluntary sectors.

An essential requirement for both posts is the ability to combine an understanding of national developments and their implications with a sensitivity to the needs of individual workers; possession of a relevant professional qualification and/or degree would be an advantage. Salaries are negotiable between £11,268 and £13,686 in the FO range of local authority salary scales (subject to review).

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified and experienced people, regardless of race, disability, sex or marital status, and the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a commitment to anti-discriminatory values in their work.

Further details and an application form, stating which post (A or B) is of interest, returnable by fax post on 1 July, from the National Youth Bureau, 17-23 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 6GD. Telephone 554775 ext 33.

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

FOR MAJOR CONSERVATION TRUST IN ESSEX

A Trust which has been making a major contribution to the quality of life in Essex, principally through running nature reserves, wishes to appoint its first Fundraising Director.

He or she will be a natural organiser and will need to manage, co-ordinate and administer, working with voluntary fundraising groups, creating links between the Trust and its members and supporters, and establishing personal relationships with landowners, politicians, the media and Trust members.

A range of publications will need to be produced, and the Fundraising Director should be familiar with the production problems involved.

Previous experience of fundraising is not essential. Training will be provided and assistance given initially by the external consultant.

Resourcefulness, a willingness to learn and adapt, and enthusiasm for the aims of the Trust will be important qualifications. The salary offered is £12,000 a year.

The successful candidate will need to move to or be living in Essex. Grant-aided by the Nature Conservancy Council.

Please write as soon as possible to Molinex Fundraising, 3 Lygon Place, London SW1W 0JZ.

NORTH LONDON EDUCATION PROJECT

The North London Education Project was set up in 1961 to provide education, with back-up accommodation, for ex-offenders. The Project offers its services to those aged 16-64, of either sex, whether coming out of prison or living in the community.

Project Worker

Part-time, 24 hours per week (based in Islington)

The duties of this extremely varied job include: acting as Personal Tutor to several residents; basic foster management; recruiting and interviewing referrals; publicising the project; liaising with outside agencies e.g. DHSS.

You will be enthusiastic, interested in education, and committed to developing the potential of ex-offenders.

Salary: £4,682 (for 24 hours).

Closing date: Monday 1st July 1985.

For details, enclosing a large self-addressed envelope, to: Peter Shore, NACRO, 189 Chappan Road, London SW9 6PU.

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from anyone regardless of colour, ethnic origin or sex, and from disabled people and ex-offenders.

NACRO

For the care of offenders and the prevention of crime

Islington Personnel

RACE RELATIONS ADVISER

Grade SO2 Salary £11,652-£12,273

Reference PE 65

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Islington requires a Race Relations Adviser in the Equal Opportunities Unit of the Personnel Department to contribute to the further development of the Borough's Equal Opportunity Employment Policy, with regard to race.

Candidates must have had two years experience of working (paid or unpaid) with black or other minority racial groups to achieve a race equality objectives. Of this at least one year should have been in employment or personnel.

Candidates should also have had experience of dealing with employment issues related to the needs of black women. Applicants are required to demonstrate the following skills and abilities:

- (i) Monitoring of employment procedures.
- (ii) drafting reports on employment policies and strategies.
- (iii) understanding the implementation of equal opportunities policies in large organisations.
- (iv) establishing, maintaining and critically analysing records on race.
- (v) identifying training needs and running appropriate courses.

Candidates should also demonstrate their commitment to all areas of the Equal Opportunities Employment Policy.

It is desirable that applicants speak a local minority language. Applicants must describe fully on the application form their abilities, skills and knowledge as they relate to this post.

Please telephone or write for the application form and further details to: Director of Personnel, London Borough of Islington, Northway House, 257/258 Upper Street, London N1 1RU. Tel: 01-226 8808 (24 hour answerphone). Closing date: Friday, June 28, 1985.

OUR JOBS ARE OPEN TO ALL RACES, BOTH SEXES, LESBIANS AND GAY MEN AND WE HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PEOPLE.

THE LIFELINE PROJECT

(DRUGS ADVICE, TREATMENT AND TRAINING)

Lifeline Project Ltd is a Manchester based treatment, advice and training resource for problem drug users and those involved in their care. Lifeline Project has management responsibility for a Regional Training Unit, an advice, assessment and treatment unit in a residential setting and for a series of outreach posts in community drug teams (CDTs) throughout Greater Manchester. Vacancies currently exist for the following posts:

FIELDWORKER (North Manchester CDT)

FIELDWORKER (South Manchester CDT)

FIELDWORKER (Trafford CDT)

All three posts will be based in small participative teams including NHS staff. Experience in the field of drugs or alcohol an advantage. Salary: £11,000 - £12,500 p.a. (inc. £1,000 - £1,500 travel).

PRINCIPAL INDUCTION WORKER (NW Region)

Salary: NAC Scale 6 £8,532-£9,114

SENIOR INDUCTION WORKER (Manchester)

Salary: NAC Scale 5 £7,234-£7,816

Both posts are based at the Jodrell Street Unit and form part of a small team offering alternatives to custody for drug users. Experience in groupwork/counselling and/or knowledge of the criminal justice system an advantage.

ADMINISTRATOR (Finances)

Based at the Jodrell Street Unit but providing financial accounting services to the whole project. Bookkeeping and wages experience essential. Typing and secretarial skills an advantage. Salary: NAC Scale 4 £5,832-£6,414 p.a. (inc. £1,000 - £1,500 travel).

Application forms and informal enquiries: Personnel, Lifeline Project Ltd, Jodrell Street, Manchester M2 3BE, or phone 061-232 6332. Closing date: June 24, 1985. Please state clearly which post you wish to apply for.

Lifeline Project Ltd is an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from people of all ethnic origins, sexual orientation or disability including former drug use.

Principal Assistant City Architect

£18,738 to £20,385

(Second tier responsibility)

Manchester has all the opportunities and problems you would expect of a great city and regional centre. It exceeds expectation in many respects — its cultural activities, its educational base, its airport —

The Council's building programme continues to be large and varied; the department matches it.

The demand for excellent architecture increases daily and the political commitment is undoubted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT CAREERS COUNSELLING Senior Personnel Officer

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
£11,964-£13,491 p.a. (inc.)

Camden's Employee Resource Bank exists to employ people who are at a disadvantage in employment terms (perhaps because of their race, sex, health or disability, age, education, etc.) This provides an opportunity for them to gain further skills, either through training or work experience, and to prove their abilities before applying for permanent posts. You will need to be exceptional to handle this very heavy workload. Counselling employees on career issues, negotiating placements, arranging appropriate training, and monitoring the progress of ERB employees. You should have a commitment to the eradication of disadvantage in employment, together with an understanding of the effects on employment prospects of factors such as disability. You will need counselling skills, and the ability to manage staff working throughout the Council.

To discuss this challenging post please telephone Dave McDonnell, on 01-278 4444, ext. 2765. Application form from and to be returned to: Departmental Personnel Officer, Room 207, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel: 01-537 9988 (Ansafone) quoting Reference No 1B/351/G. Closing date: 1st July, 1985.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT Senior Homeless Persons Adviser

(JOB SHARE)
£11,652-£12,273 (inc.)
pro rata per 17½-hour week

Based in the Homeless Persons' Section of Housing Needs, you will supervise a team responsible for the implementation of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, particularly with respect to the admission, investigation and rehousing of persons purporting to be homeless. Duties will include interviewing complex cases and deputising for the Homeless Persons' Section Manager in certain instances. Sound knowledge of housing procedures particularly in relation to homelessness and the ability to deal with persons in an extreme state of anxiety and who have more than the usual number of problems is essential.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Housing, Bideborough House, Bideborough Street, London WC1H 9DB, or Telephone: 01-358 5835 (Ansafone) quoting Reference No 732/G. Closing date: 24th June, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT Playbus Co-ordinator

£8,772-£9,510 p.a. (inc.)

We are looking for people who have had experience in community playwork to develop and co-ordinate our exciting new playbus facility. You will initiate and carry out a stimulating programme of activities and events on housing estates and open spaces throughout the Borough, within a team of part-time staff. Emphasis will be placed on work with under-12s with provision for under-fives and their parents. You should have experience of working with young people in a multi-cultural community and have a personal understanding of the needs of various ethnic minority groups. Camden is totally committed to its Equal Opportunities policies in service provision and employment. Members of ethnic minorities are under-represented in this work area, in relation to Camden's population profile and applications from members of these groups will be particularly welcome. Considerable evening and weekend work is involved. A current driving licence is essential. Ref No 10,275/G.

ARLINGTON HOUSE

Occupational Therapist

£9,780-£11,355 p.a. (inc.)

To assess the needs of residents at Arlington House, a hostel for men in Camden Town, and develop and implement rehabilitation programmes in order to enable them to live independently or with support in the community. You will advise members of the Resettlement Team, have with Council Area Offices or other agencies, and develop effective training programmes for staff on management and the effects of physical, mental disability. You should have a Diploma of Occupational Therapy and experience in Mental Health, Alcohol or Drug Abuse, hostel work or Social Services. Ref No 10,252/G. Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Social Services, Wilting House, 356/364 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8BH or Telephone: 01-537 5621 (Ansafone) quoting appropriate Reference No. Closing date: 1st July, 1985.

Camden Services
equal opportunity employer

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (EDUCATION) SALARY £8,262 — £11,025

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons, preferably over the age of 30 years, to develop, organise and direct a work programme to promote and sustain Equal Opportunity Policies/Action in Education consistent with the Aims and Objectives of the Birmingham Community Relations Council.

Candidates should have a wide knowledge of Ethnic Minorities be able to work on their own initiative, possess drive, commitment and a sensitivity to the problems that emerge in a Multi-ethnic and Multi-cultural Society. Candidates should have the relevant qualifications and experience plus a committed interest in Race and Community Relations. The Officer appointed will work under the Administrative Control of the Principal Community Relations Officer.

Please send a large stamped addressed envelope for application form, job description and general outline of the post to Mr. A. L. Butler, Administrator, Birmingham Community Relations Council, St. George House, 32-34 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4AN. Closing date for applications is 27th June, 1985.



PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT RE-APPLY

MENCAP

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN AND ADULTS
and HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PATHWAY EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

Hampshire South West, based in Winchester

The Pathway Employment Service which is run by MENCAP, aims to find suitable open employment for mentally handicapped people through close liaison with employers in local industry and commerce and provides on-going support for both employee and employer.

Experience in industry or commerce essential. Practical experience of teaching or training mentally handicapped people desirable. Salary scale: £7,812-£11,000. Starting point according to experience. Driving licence required as car provided. For details and an application form, please send a 9 x 4 s.a.s. to: The Personnel Department, MENCAP National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT. Closing date for completed applications: 26th June 1985. Interviews to be held on 17th July 1985.

ST. ANNE'S SHELTER AND HOUSING ACTION Make Community Care a Reality

St Anne's provides community services for homeless single people (at present mainly those with drink-related and mental health problems) — the only community-based detoxification centre in England and Wales. 2 day centre. Manpower Services Commission Employment Agency and housing services (we are a registered Housing Association). Our Housing Team has the following vacancies:

SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKER, MENTAL HEALTH

Level III. Salary: £9,114 to £10,715

The previous postholder has left to take over a management post in another local project for single homeless people. You will be the leader of a small team of Residential Care Officers and a part-time Social Worker. The two new posts below will bring the team to a complement of five Residential Care Officers. You will be responsible for the day-to-day care and support of residents. Resident care and support for people with long-term mental health problems. Access to places in our own long-term accommodation at the end of the day. The post offers a chance to specialise in mental health work and make real achievements in making community care a reality by using your social work skills by supervising and supporting the team and by actually having control over valuable resources.

We are looking for someone with a proven commitment to mental health work and who wishes to work in a housing context. A C.O.S.W. is essential and applicants should be eligible for Level III status. The post carries an essential car user allowance.

NEW POSTS

RESIDENTIAL CARE OFFICERS

2 Posts — 1 Residential 1 Non-Residential

Salary £8,555 to £7,329 Bar — £7,746

These posts have been created to improve the service in our hostels. You will be responsible for the day-to-day care and support of residents. Resident care and support for people with long-term mental health problems. Access to places in our own long-term accommodation at the end of the day. The post offers a chance to specialise in mental health work and make real achievements in making community care a reality by using your social work skills by supervising and supporting the team and by actually having control over valuable resources.

All the above posts are Superannuable and Conditions of Service are broadly in line with Local Government Service. Relocation expenses are payable. For informal discussion please telephone Ian Seasing, Assistant Director or Roger Hawkins, Housing Manager, on Leeds 435151.

For application forms, job descriptions and further details of St. Anne's please contact Hilary Hooton on the above number, or write to St. Anne's Shelter and Housing Action, 6 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds LS2 8WZ. Closing date: June 24, 1985. St. Anne's is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

COMMUNITY WORKERS (2 Posts) Full-Time

Salary Scales JNC 3 (1-5) £7,866 — £8,844.

1. LOCKLEAZE Ref. no: CML/1597/73
Based at Lockleaze School, Bristol.
2. SOUTH WANDS DYKE Ref. no: CML/1475/73
Based at "Greystones," Radstock, Nr. Bath.

Applicants should be qualified in accordance with JNC Conditions of Service for Youth and Community Workers and should have two years' experience in a full or part-time capacity. Persons with voluntary experience will also be considered.

ASSISTANT YOUTH WORKER Full-Time

Eagle House Youth Centre, Newquay Road, Knowle West, Bristol BS4 1ES. Salary Scale: JNC 3 (1-5) £7,866 — £8,844. Assistance with removal expenses where appropriate.

Applicants should be qualified in accordance with JNC Conditions of Service for Youth and Community Centre Workers/Wardens.

ALL POSTS: Further details and application form, returnable by 5th July, 1985, from Director of Personnel (Tel: Bristol 386555 — Ansafone on this number after office hours), PO Box 270, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol, BS99 7HE.

Avon is an equal opportunities employer. Please quote appropriate reference number.

Community Leisure Department.



NCRC, publishers of Dragon Teeth, a quarterly magazine which aims at combating racism in children's books, urgently requires TWO WORKERS with strong anti-racist commitment.

1. GENERAL SECRETARY

Some organisations campaigning experience knowledge of education and community publishing under relevant language (e.g. Creole, Bangla, Vietnamese, Swahili, etc.) will be advantageous.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

An ability to work on one's own, to carry out efficiently all office routines some typing and book-keeping skills and good communication skills are essential.

These posts are funded by the GLC until March 31st, 1986. Salary: General Secretary (APS Sp20) £7,110 plus ILW £1,040 (1-6-85-31-3-86) Administrative Assistant (APS Sp20) £5,270 plus ILW £1,040 (1-6-85-31-3-86). Further details and application form from: National Committee on Racism in Children's Books, 7 Desborough Road, London W11 2SL. Closing date for applications: June 28th, 1985. Telephone inquiries may be made to 01-701 4618 during office hours.

NCRC employs an Equal Opportunities Policy acceptance of which is a condition of employment.

MANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS UNION EVENTS & PROMOTIONS OFFICER

Required to organise co-ordinate and be responsible for all aspects of entertainment in a busy Students Union which operates two major sites over the city. Events and associated promotion are an integral part of the trading operation of the Students Union and as such the successful candidate will be directly responsible to the Commercial Services Officer. The successful candidate will also be required to work in close liaison with elected Officers (Committees and other staff).

He/she should possess a clean driving licence and must possess sympathy for the aims and objectives of Students Unions.

Good salary and conditions of service. Further details may be obtained from the General Manager, Manchester Polytechnic Students Union, 50 Oxford Road, Manchester M1 3PL, to whom an cv and address should be sent to latest on Wednesday, June 26th 1985 at 12 noon.

GENERAL

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOUNDATION

GRANVILLE ROAD PROJECT — READING

(AN ALTERNATIVE TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE)

TEAM MEMBER

WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION

Salary £9,477 per annum

CPF, the national community development agency, requires a person to join a small team responsible for developing new initiatives in working with young people (13 to 17 years) in a disadvantaged area from their own community. The project has 18 months to run under the present funding arrangements but it is expected that further funding will be forthcoming.

The postholder will be responsible for ensuring that an adequate educational service is delivered to the project. This will involve liaison with schools, the Education Department and other relevant agencies. You will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the project and will undertake individual and group work. You should have a relevant qualification in education or a similar field and a personal understanding of educational structures and relevant legislation and skills in counselling and group work desirable.

The project is funded by CPF and Reading Social Services Department. Informal inquiries to Norrene Collins, Project Director, Reading 180052. Application form and further details from: Project Officer, Community Projects Foundation, 40 Newbury Grove, London N5 3AQ. Closing date for applications: June 21, 1985.

Services worth defending Building Surveyor/ Administrator

Salary: PO 2G £13,518 p.a. — £14,450 p.a. inclusive

A unique development opportunity exists to bring together two professionalisms in a busy Architectural office.

The responsibilities include leadership of the Building Maintenance Surveying Section, the design and construction of minor buildings and extensions, and the financial administration of the services operations and profitability overall.

If you have an appropriate professional qualification, at least 5 years experience, and feel that you match the calibre we require we would like to hear from you.

Membership of the RICS in Quantity Surveying with experience in construction or maintenance is indicated. The position offers over 5 weeks annual leave, a generous relocation package, possible assistance with temporary housing and a flexible time scheme.

Please quote reference T30/G.

Project Planner

Salary up to £11,754 pa inclusive

Are you seeking a demanding but rewarding job, and able to work under pressure? If so, then Basildon Council has a position for you.

A vacancy has arisen in the Project Planning and Co-ordination Section of the Town Manager's Personal Staff. This post offers a challenging and rewarding opportunity to be fully involved in the overall planning and co-ordination of all aspects of the Council's Capital Programme and associated activities.

The duties will include the operation and enhancement of information and monitoring systems and as well as providing full support to the Head of Policy Development Services.

Applicants should be numerate with ideally at least two years related experience. Additionally the successful applicant must possess a high degree of self motivation, initiative and enthusiasm coupled with effective communication skills and the ability to establish and maintain contact with Members and Officers at all levels. Please quote reference: TM11/G.

This advertisement appears with the agreement of The New Towns Staff Commission.

Further details and an application form for both posts are available from the Personnel Section (Recruitment), Basildon Council, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon, Essex. Telephone Basildon 294216 (answering phone service). For further information or enquiries during office hours only telephone Basildon 294267/8. Closing date: 28 June 1985.

The Council welcomes applications regardless of race, sex, marital status or disability.

BASILDON

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Southwark Diocesan Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship

CABRINI HOUSE, SE23, is a mixed short and long stay home for 18 handicapped children aged 2-16 and we are looking for a

DEPUTY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

£8,262-£9,795

This post will offer a considerable challenge to the successful applicant and we invite applications from those who:

- are appropriately qualified;
- have experience of residential work, preferably with mentally handicapped children;
- are capable of motivating and leading a staff team;
- are aware of current trends in child care and are committed to high standards of practice;
- have a sense of humour and enjoy being with children.

If you are interested Tony Blassdale (Officer-in-Charge) would be pleased to hear from you on 01-291 0345.

This post is non-residential so sleeping-in duties on rotation are required.

Salary grade 5: £8,262-£9,795 (£1,248 London Allowance plus £110.03 sleeping-in duty allowance). Closing date: 28th June, 1985. Interview date: 11th July, 1985.

Application form from Catholic Children's Society, 49 Russell Hill Road, Purley, Surrey CR2 2XB, Tel: 01-688 2181.

USDW WOMEN'S OFFICER

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers is to appoint a Women's Officer to be based at the Union's Central Office in Manchester.

The major responsibility of the Women's Officer will be to work with the Union's national and divisional women's committees, with full-time and lay officials and with members, to increase the participation of women at every level within the Union.

Applicants, preferably aged over 25, should be able to demonstrate a record of activity within the Trade Union Movement and experience of development work with women preferably in a trade union context. The appointment will be made at Departmental Head level with a salary of £13,092 p.a. (plus an additional taxable sum of £756) with attractive holiday provisions and contributory superannuation scheme.

Applications by letter giving full details of age, experience, qualifications, etc., should be addressed to the General Secretary, USDW, 188 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M14 6LJ and marked "Women's Officer".

Applications must be received by Friday, 28th June, 1985.

UNION OF SHOP, DISTRIBUTIVE AND ALLIED WORKERS

The London Wildlife Trust

3 FIELD OFFICERS

A degree in an ecological subject, conservation experience, and understanding of voluntary organisations, ability to work with the public, and driving licence essential.

Work involves consultation with local authorities, press liaison and public talks. Two full time, one part time. Salary £5,156 (pro rata) contract until April 1986 renewable dependent upon future circumstances.

Positions funded by GLC and/or local councils.

DEVELOPMENT WORKERS (Part time)

Communication and organisational skills required, own transport desirable. £8,156 pro rata.

Apply with CV (a.s.a.p.) to: LWT 54, Kings Grove, London SE15 2NB

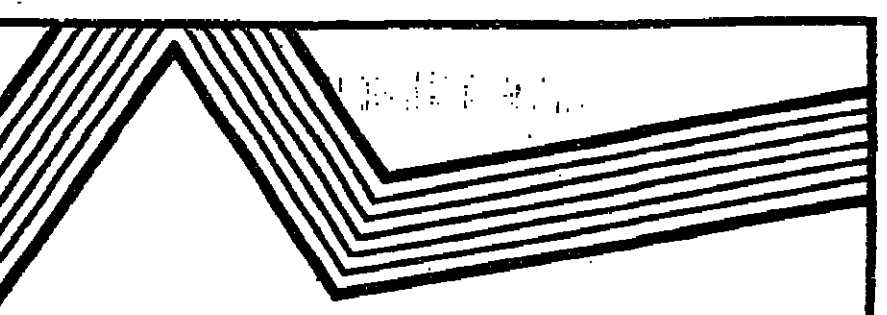
PROJECT OFFICER

CCHA is the growing Croydon community housing association with over 300 homes in management.

About 150 further homes are currently under development and we are seeking an additional member of staff to help us. The work would be varied including development administration as well as liaison with special needs agency. Experience would be preferred and a salary of up to £9,000 plus car allowance is offered.

Further details and application form from: Alison Pace, CCHA, 77 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2AJ, Tel: 01-680 7532. Closing date: 28th June, 1985.

CCHA is an Equal Opportunities Association



PILOT PROJECT Mental Health Care in the Community

This new DHSS-funded pilot project will bring sixteen long-stay patients at Bexley psychiatric hospital back to ordinary supported housing in Greenwich over three years. Greenwich Health Authority will then continue funding the project. The team of seven full-time and three part-time staff will assist residents to move from hospital and provide continuing support from the local project base according to individual needs of residents.

The project involves close working contact with patients and their families, hospital staff, community health services staff, a Kent University research evaluation team, Housing Associations, the Directorate of Housing Services, Greenwich MIND and other agencies on the project Steering Group. It will also co-operate closely with other community mental health resources in Greenwich including the St John's Park Hostel, the Abchurch Lane Hostel, the Lansdowne Lane Community Mental Health Centre and Crisis Intervention Unit and Mabel Polley House for elderly severely mentally ill residents.

Project Leader

£10,107 — £11,025

plus casual car user allowance

To establish, develop and monitor the success of the project in consultation with other agencies involved. To appoint, train and co-ordinate the work of the staff team. To establish and run the project base as a community resource for clients and staff.

The successful applicant will have a relevant qualification for example in social work, clinical psychology, occupational therapy or psychiatric nursing, an imaginative approach to providing mental health services, some management, supervisory experience and experience of residential and/or community mental health services. S/he will be able to negotiate at a senior level with other authorities and organisations.

Occupational Therapist

£9,189 — £9,771

plus casual car user allowance

To provide occupational therapy expertise as a member of the team in the planning of the project assessment and rehabilitation of residents leaving Bexley Hospital to live in local accommodation. Close contact with Occupational Therapy services in Greenwich and at Bexley Hospital.

Applicants should have a relevant qualification, a broad approach to community mental health services and some relevant experience. There is a multi-racial population within the Borough. For further information about both posts contact Sue Gillespie on Ext. 3057, Catherine Briscoe on Ext. 3004, or Sue Penny on Ext. 3065 who can also arrange for informal discussion with Bexley Hospital social workers.

Application Form from: Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, 50 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext 3073

Closing Date: 21st June, 1985. THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE

GREENWICH People and Services First



SOCIAL WORKER

Hartley House, London W5.

£7,722 — £8,919 pa. incl.

Turning Point is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee in the field of drug and alcohol abuse. Recently Turning Point extended its activities to include residential mental health. Founded in 1964 Turning Point currently operates 30 centres throughout the country offering a wide range of services to clients, their families, friends and other professional agencies.

Hartley House is a well established project in West London offering residential rehabilitation for people with alcohol problems. The project, with its additional facility Milliken House, is currently re-evaluating its work to enable it to respond more positively to client needs and those of other agencies working in this field.

We are looking for applicants experienced in working within a group philosophy although not necessarily in the alcohol field. As part of a small staff team the successful applicant would be involved in all aspects of running the project and would require the ability, energy and imagination to assist in the development of the service as part of a network of related services in the Ealing area.

For further details and application form please contact Doug Bramley, Senior Social Worker on 01-997 0022.

Closing date for applications: 25th June, 1985. Turning Point is an equal opportunities employer.

HARINGEY WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS SUPPORT GROUP requires

2 WORKSHOP WORKERS 1 CENTRE WORKER 1 CHILDCARE WORKER

to develop anti-racist and anti-sexist activities for women and young girls in Haringey. Workshop Workers should have two or more of the following skills: Woodwork, Electronics, Mechanics, Video-making, Drama, Arts, Crafts, Assertion, Workshops, Gender and Race Awareness Workshops, Music and Voice Workshops, and Sports and any other skill will be considered.

The Childcare Worker will co-ordinate and develop childcare for women using the project and will set up a book and toy library. The Centre Worker will co-ordinate and develop the day-to-day running of the project. For application forms, Tel 01-801 0365 between 10-12 and 1-3. Please state which post you are applying for.

Salary APS/Scale 6. Closing date: 26th June, 1985. Funded by the GLC until March, 1986.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community, irrespective of sex, race or disabilities.

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Social Services

Senior Social Worker (Mental Health)
£24,742-£31,025 p.a. Ref. JM/84/110
Nottinghamshire has embarked on the policy of developing Community Mental Health Teams. We are looking for a person (male or female) interested in developing community mental health projects with an interest in acquiring managerial skills. Mansfield is an exciting and developing area with a number of new community initiatives emerging between the Health, Local Authority and Voluntary Sector. For further information please contact Tony Hughes, Area Director or Sheila Davies, Assistant Area Director on Mansfield 22551.

Mansfield Hospital Group

Senior Social Worker
£10,404-£11,025 p.a. Ref. SJ/322/110
This is one of two posts and at present covers social workers on Paediatric, elderly and general (including Accident and Emergency) units.

Social Workers

(2 posts) Ref. SJ/322/110
This is a psychiatric unit on the King's Hill Hospital Site. The Clinic is shortly to move premises and increase its beds from the present 33 to 120, opening in October 1986.

Medical Social Worker Ref. SJ/324/110
An interesting and busy post covering patients with a variety of conditions and illnesses on the King's Hill site.
Salary for the above Social Worker vacancies according to experience and qualification - normally Level 3 (£25,536-£30,107 p.a.) if qualified with four years experience, Level 2 (£21,294-£25,860 p.a.) if qualified with two years experience. Pre-course experience as a Social Worker is counted.

Applicants must hold a current driving licence and own or be prepared to buy a car. There is an essential car user allowance and a car loan scheme available.
For further information/information contact Chris Clark or Margaret Gregory on Mansfield 22551, Ext. 3352 and 3354 respectively.

Senior Social Worker

(Mansfield Area Office) Ref. JM/84/110
Are you interested in leading and managing a highly motivated Assessment Team? This team has recently been established and comprises of four and half full time equivalent qualified and experienced Social Workers. Mansfield is a busy urban community with a high level of social deprivation. The team's main area of work is in child abuse, family work and welfare rights issues. Applicants (male or female) should hold current English driving licence and own or be prepared to buy a car for official use. For further information/information contact Sheila Davies, Assistant Area Director, Joan Rowland, Senior Social Worker, or any member of the Assessment Team on Mansfield 22551.

Deputy Officers-in-Charge

£9,114-£10,107 p.a.

Team Leaders

£9,820-£10,795 p.a. (qualified)
£9,352-£10,327 p.a. (unqualified)
Nottinghamshire has embarked upon a restructuring of residential services for children. Our objectives are to keep most children in establishments within their home area, and to make their length of stay as short as possible, usually less than six months. The fees

involved the setting up of area homes which will relate closely to area social work teams. The traditional boundaries between residential and field social work are being re-appraised as we seek to develop an approach which is truly child centred. Residential Workers are becoming involved in preventive work in the community, community assessment, family work, post discharge support and many other examples of co-working with area staff.
As part of the plan to complement the area homes, there will be two Young Persons Homes (Hamilton Court and Forest Lodge) and three Long Term Stay Homes (Farmhouse, The Ridge and Edwinstowe Hall). The Ridge and Edwinstowe Hall have linked teacher provision to help these children with schooling difficulties.
We need a number of Deputy Officers-in-Charge and Team Leaders/Third-in-Charge to complete our staff teams. These are respectively second and third level posts which will share in the management of the establishments. Training is high on our list of priorities and we would want to appoint experienced and professionally qualified staff to these posts.

Deputy Officers-in-Charge

Ref. DC/8/110
Area Community Homes
(1) Brackley House, Nottingham
(2) Cobblestone, Nottingham
(3) Greenock, Nottingham
For further information please initially contact Richard Oulton or Tony Dewhurst, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 4041.

Long Stay Homes
(1) Edwinstowe Hall, Edwinstowe, N. Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. For further information, please initially contact Steve Thorpe, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 3925.
(2) The Ridge, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. For further information, please initially contact Ann Simpson, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 3925.

Team Leaders
Area Community Homes
(1) Wollaton House, Nottingham (1 post)
(2) Woodcock, Nottingham
For further information, please initially contact Richard Oulton, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 4041.

(3) Willowdene, Stapleford, Nottinghamshire (1 post)
For further information, please initially contact Steve Thorpe, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 3925.
(4) West Lodge, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire (1 post)
For further information, please initially contact Ann Simpson, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 3925.

Long Stay Home
(1) Farmhouse, Nottingham (1 post)
For further information, please initially contact Tony Dewhurst, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 4041.

Third-in-Charge
(Young Persons Homes)
(1) Hamilton Court, Nottingham.
For further information, please initially contact Richard Oulton, Residential and Day Care Services Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822623, Ext. 4041.
Relocation expenses where appropriate.

Requests for application form and job description for the above Social Services vacancies should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall, Nottingham. Closing date 26 June. Please quote appropriate reference when applying.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.



Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall - Westford Road
Nottingham NG2 7QP

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Group Surveyor

Salary: £12,900-£13,983 Inc. (Grade P03)

The Architectural Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Council's entire building stock, including housing, education, libraries, leisure, social services, parks' buildings and all Civic buildings.
Following re-organisation of the Building Maintenance section, a vacancy will arise shortly on the retirement of the present postholder.

The present staffing is multi-disciplinary and we are looking for someone who is qualified in an appropriate construction discipline, architect, building surveyor, engineer, who can demonstrate a thorough knowledge of building construction and maintenance procedures, the ability to manage a group of maintenance surveyors in the maintenance of the Council's stock and who is prepared to make an innovative and positive contribution to the development of the Section.
Day-to-day maintenance is carried out using a recently introduced schedule of rates in conjunction with a developing computerised system for monitoring and controlling work. Programmed repairs and other major maintenance work is also undertaken and a system of planned preventative maintenance will be developed to improve the standard of maintenance of all buildings.
This post is subject to LMSSC ring-fence procedure. Applications are restricted to employees of the GLC and London Local Authorities.

Application forms from: Staffing Office, Department of Architecture and Planning, P.O. Box 39, Civic Centre, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2UY. Tel: (01) 883 5611, Ext. 2570.
Closing date: four weeks from publication.

Harrow Architecture

an equal opportunity employer

Regional Officer

GREATER LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST REGION

A vacancy exists for a Regional Officer (graded Greater Executive Officer) to join the Sports Council in the Greater London and South-East regional office which is located in attractive new offices at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. The postholder will work within the Region's Facilities Team and be given a specific responsibility for the promotion of sports facilities, the co-ordination of the Sports Council's Recreation and Leisure Award within the Region, and an input to recreation management training. These duties will involve liaising with local authorities, Governing Bodies of Sport and Units at the Sports Council's Headquarters.
The successful candidate will have an appropriate qualification in recreation management and/or relevant practical experience in the management of facilities for sport in the public sector.

The salary which includes an allowance for frequent weekend and evening duties, an Intermediate London Weighting and pension allowance, is in the scale rising from £11,358-£14,149 per annum (pay award pending).
Further information and application form (quoting Ref 1885/ROG) available from: Paul Burt, Personnel Unit, The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0QP. Closing date for applications: 27th June, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER



Exciting opportunities to become involved in working out with mentally handicapped adults a satisfying approach to group living in the community -

ARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

will be requiring during the next few months

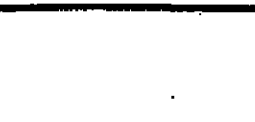
CO-ORDINATORS & ASSISTANTS

In new and established COMMUNITY HOUSES (10 Residents)

In several locations in Scotland, to assist residents (who do not require full institutional care but do need some staff support) to lead positive and fulfilling lives within the community.
The CO-ORDINATOR POST is residential (3 bedroom house provided). Applicants would require relevant previous experience in residential care/ community living with mentally handicapped adults. A flexible approach is vital (COSW CSS or similar an advantage). A flexible approach is vital (COSW CSS or similar an advantage).
One CO-ORDINATOR required immediately (closing date for applications 18/06/85).

Salary £3,400 (under review) + sleeping in allowances.
Each house has three non-resident ASSISTANT CO-ORDINATORS. Applicants should have some relevant qualification or experience, and/or demonstrable enthusiasm and flair for enabling individuals to reach their full potential.

Salary £3,500 (under review) + sleeping in allowances.
For further information contact: Mrs. Bronwyn Harwood, Ark Housing Association Ltd., 8 Broomfield Street, Edinburgh EH10 5JB. Tel: 071 447 9227



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Administrative Assistants

Salary: £10,578-£11,208 Ref.: SEC 15(1)

An Administrative Assistant is required in the Borough Secretary's Committee Division to assist in servicing a group of committees and associated sub-committees - in the first instance to work in the Policy and Resources Committee; and to act as Committee clerk to one or more sub-committees - initially the Finance Sub-Committee. The Policy and Resources Committee is at the centre of the Council's policy making activity. Candidates must be capable of working in close contact with council members and senior management.

Ref.: SEC 23

An Administrative Assistant is required to assist in servicing a group of committees in the first instance the Housing Committee; and to act as Committee clerk to one or more sub-committees initially the District Housing Management Committee and the Lewisham Council Tenants Joint Consultative Committee.

For both posts, a relevant degree would be advantageous as would evidence of progress towards membership of ICMA or DMS. Local Government experience especially in committee work would be highly desirable. Attendance at evening meetings is required and overtime or time off in lieu would be payable.

Applications from job sharers welcomed. The Council's flexible working hours scheme is in operation. For an informal discussion of these posts please contact Hugh Hemmell, Head of Committee Services on 01-690 4343 ext. 237.

For an application form and job description please telephone 01-690 4343 ext. 165. Closing date for completed applications 28th June, 1985

Temporary

Administrative Assistant

Salary: £9,633-£10,215 Ref.: SEC/MSU

An Administrative Assistant is required in the Borough Secretary's Committee Division to assist in providing a secretarial and administrative support service to chairs of Committees and members of the Council.

A relevant degree may be advantageous but is not essential. Practical knowledge of the London local government sector is important. Communication skills are essential.

The successful candidate will work closely with senior officers of the Council at a time of considerable pressure. Energy, tact and discretion are needed. Attendance at evening meetings required, overtime payable or time off in lieu.

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For an application form and job description, please telephone 01-690 4343, extension 165. Closing date for completed application forms: June 28, 1985.

BOROUGH ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

Senior Officer (Information Technology)

Salary: £11,817-£12,663 Ref.: BE213

This is a post within the Borough Engineer's reorganised Services Division, liaising closely with the newly formed Direct Labour Organisation in the Department and other departments, particularly Computer Group.

An extensive programme of computer based tasks have been identified within the Department which requires the full time commitment of dedicated and experienced staff.

Not yet one year old, the Information Technology Section now has the major task of implementing the department's first major on-line system, the LASER Direct Labour Client System. Reporting to the Section's head, the post-holder will be directly responsible for organising and supervising the training of all staff involved in this system. In addition the section will continue the development of applications on the existing DEC PDP-11/03 and on new IBM-PCs which it is hoped will be installed in the next few months. The post-holder will be responsible for day-to-day maintenance and support of these systems and be involved in the development of new applications.

We would like, therefore, someone with knowledge of at least one of the following: - Municipal engineering, administration, computing and training. An ability to gain co-operation from people at all levels in the organisation and from other departments will be an important consideration.

There will be a continuing responsibility for the overall development of information technology and the dissemination of information within the Department. The Council operates a scheme for flexible working hours.

Applications from job sharers welcomed. Women in particular are welcome to apply as they are under represented in this area of work.

For an informal discussion please telephone Alan Gurnton, Principal Officer, on 01-692 1288, extension 323. For application form and job details apply to Staffing Services, Room 6, Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, London, Tel: 01-692 1288, extension 339 or 336. Closing date for completed application forms: June 28, 1985.

Principal Planning Officer

Salary: £11,817-£12,663 Ref.: P 12

A Principal Planning Officer is required to assist in the work of the Planning Strategy Group, by developing council planning policies, supporting the work of other sections of the Department and responding to policies, plans and proposals of other organisations.

The candidate would be expected to have at least five years experience in planning strategy/urban planning matters, be able to interpret statistics and survey work, present results in clear precise English, and work on his/her own on a particular aspect of planning policy.

Membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute and experience of an IBM/PC computer would be desirable. The Council's scheme for flexible working hours applies to this post. Applications from job sharers welcomed.

For informal discussion about the post contact Roger Turnbull on 01-690 4343, extension 271. Application form and job details can be obtained from Planning Department, Room 34, Town Hall Chamber, London SE8 4BL. Tel: 01-690 4343, extension 636. Closing date for completed application forms: June 28, 1985.

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A tactful and persuasive negotiator, you will have experience of management or organisational analysis. Knowledge or experience of voluntary organisations or public funding would be an advantage. We are looking for

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For further details and an application form, please contact either Alistair Corrie, Watney House, 7-12 Noel Street, London W1V 3PB, telephone 01-434 2161 or Bob Miller, Rosebery House, 9 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5VA, telephone 031-337 0044.

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An immediate benefit of the Neighbourhood Offices will be to make the services more convenient and accessible to local residents. These cover Housing, Social Services (including Home Help, Environmental Health, Repair Teams, Payment of Benefits, Payments to the Council, Advice on Council Services, and Welfare Rights).
This is one of the most advanced decentralisation programmes in Local Government.
As a result, a number of posts have arisen and candidates must be willing to work at any Neighbourhood Office in Islington. Personal preference for work location will be considered if possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS (HOUSING)

£13,491 to £14,574 p.a. P03

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Please call telephone 01-225 0772 or write for an application form and details to: Housing Department, 292 Essex Road, London, N1. The closing date is first post on Friday, 28th June 1985.

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GENERAL

London Borough of Bromley SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MANAGER

Adult Training Centre

SO2/PO1 (1) £11,061-£12,218

This important post will become vacant in July 1985 due to internal promotion of the present manager.

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Application forms and further details from Head of Management Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley CR1 1JL. Tel: 01-893 0384. 094 hour answering service. Closing date July 3, 1985.

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DIARY

THE curious goings-on in Dudley East Labour Party are regarded as so curious by a neighbouring constituency that the party has taken the extraordinary step of attacking Dudley East in public.

You will recall (this column, June 4) that Dudley E has acquired more than 30 new trade union delegates in the run-up to Dr John Gilbert's reelection. Many of the delegates belong to unions one would not normally associate with their trades. There, as we noted, Dr Gilbert's wife Jean, who has recently decided she should join the quarry-workers' branch of GMBATU. Mrs Gilbert is a London-based interior designer.

Halesowen and Stourbridge CLP has now called for a full investigation of what it calls "a cynical attempt to predetermine the result of the imminent selection procedure by irregularities it would like to see looked into, and talks of Mrs Gilbert's claim to be a 'bona fide member' of the GMBATU branch as 'giving a new dimension to an old Latin term'."

The CLP's resolution adds that Dudley East "provides the best possible argument for... even the introduction of the one-member one-vote system for the selection of PPCs."

THE HIPPIES move on. The Earl of Cardigan remains and is currently consulting n'learned friends, not in connection with any damage to Saesnaek Forest, but with a view to using certain newspapers for variously questioning his sanity or comparing him unfavourably with his ancestor, the Seventh Earl. The Mirror Mail, and Telegraph are in his sights at the moment.

SIR WILLIAM Rees-Mogg's diary will soon burst. He has now become chairman of Sidgwick and Jackson. He is already vice-chairman of the BBC, chairman of the Arts Council, a director of GEC and chairman of Pickering and Chatto, the booksellers, which itself is planning its own modest publishing ventures. Things may be a little overcrowded for a year or so, he confesses. "I still have two years at the Arts Council and one at the BBC, so I am looking forward a little with Sidgwick and Jackson."

The firm has been chairmanless since Lord Longford retired four years ago. Sir William is an old friend of Lord Forte, who owns the firm. "The great merit of doing half a dozen things at once is that they interweave in an extraordinary way. One can do so much on the telephone, too—maybe four or five different things during the course of quarter of an hour."

AS IF grappling with Mr John Silkin were not enough, Mr Nigel Williamson, editor of Tribune, now finds himself tussling with feminists. He was accused at this week's editorial advisory board of producing a newspaper "by, for and about men." To which he replied: "Crap."

Witnesses at the meeting claim he then said of the women: "They're not on a casual basis. They've all been crap." Though he is said to have added: "Some of the men have been crap, too."

Mr Williamson cannot recall the last two alleged statements. He points to the star-studded female cast in the coming issue, but concedes that the paper "reflects the imbalance that exists in the Labour movement."

There now, sisters. Back to Mr Silkin.

A LETTER arrives, reporting to be from the Portuguese Sardine Office, protesting that yesterday's picture was in fact of a tuna tin. I will take their word in it.

HATTERSLEY v. BENN: Round 65. The most recent bout occurred during this week's TUC Labour Liaison Committee meeting to draw up its important joint statement on the economy. Mr Benn arrived with a giant sheaf of amendments, most of them cleverly culled from previous Labour Party policy commitments. Mr Hattersley duly proceeded to refuse to accept them one by one until a more general statement of Mr Benn's philosophy. This Mr Hattersley said he was prepared to accept, provided it was attributed to Hugh Gait-skell. Mr Benn withdrew it.

Alan Rusbridger

The lesson of two decades for Mr Gorbachev

COMMENTARY

Martin Walker



ABEL AGANBEGYAN may be the best economist in the Soviet Union. He is certainly one of the best known among foreign scholars, one of the most reform-minded and least dogmatic. His economics institute at Novosibirsk is the prime think-tank for economic liberalisation and reform.

His confidential report, which was widely leaked, therefore caused something of a stir. He began by saying that the Soviet Union's rate of economic growth was setting unacceptably close to stagnation at a time when the US economy was growing not only quantitatively, but undergoing dynamic technological and qualitative changes. At the same time, he went on, key sectors of the Soviet economy remained backward — housing, services, retail trade and agriculture, to name but the most obvious.

The underlying reason for the problems, Aganbegyan argued, was the wholly disproportionate share of the Soviet economy which was committed to defence. Between 30 and 40 per cent of the entire workforce was occupied in this sector, and this combined with "extreme centralism and lack of democracy in economic matters" would mean that any real improvement would depend upon very fundamental changes.

The point about Aganbegyan's leaked report was that it came out exactly 20 years ago, in June 1965. It could be re-issued today because so little has changed. But the original Aganbegyan report did help to launch the last great wave of economic reform in the Soviet Union, under the guidance of the then premier, Alexei Kosygin.

Kosygin tried to do the very things that are now being considered for the 1980s wave of reforms. He insisted that output targets for industry be calculated not on the basis of goods produced — which was an invitation to poor quality — but on the goods actually sold. He gave managers greater rights over the disposal of their "profits", whether to use them for welfare funds, for re-investment, or for incentive payment to the workforce. And to discourage the hoarding of resources, a kind of rent or investment payment was charged on capital equipment. Managers were also given wider powers to sack "bad workers" or even to lay off workers who had been made redundant through productivity improvements.

Kosygin's reforms failed, or were sidetracked, or even ignored. The trade unions whittled away the managers' rights to fire. The central planning system actually in-

creased its bureaucratic grip. I know of one Soviet manager who was recently confronted with a new set of accounting rules he had to master. The table of contents alone took up 14 pages.

The sad tale is well-analysed in Geoffrey Hosking's excellent new history of the Soviet state. Hosking concludes that it was the entrenched opposition of the party apparatus to the reforms, which doomed the Kosygin plan. The final blow, he goes on, was the example of the political dangers inherent in economic or indeed any other liberalisation that emerged from Czechoslovakia in 1968.

With the failure of the Kosygin reforms in mind, what can be expected from the Gorbachev determination to salvage the economy along very similar lines? Since Professor Aganbegyan is one of the academics Mr Gorbachev has been consulting for his own plans, and since the basic thrust of Aganbegyan's critique has changed little in the past 20

years, history could be about to repeat itself.

Even in those specially selected areas of industry where the vaunted economic experiment is under way, the jealous grip of the party hierarchy continues to frustrate reformist managers. In Lithuania, a plant director told me that he had trouble finding any real incentive to give his workers. If he gave them money he could not guarantee them things to spend it on. To give them real incentives like the right to jump several places in the queue for a new flat or a new car, he had to get support from the local party hierarchy, who were either unhelpful, looking for favours, or opposed to such favours on ideological grounds.

In the new Siberian city of Bratsk another plant director told me that both productivity and quality depended on his being able to recruit better junior executives and middle managers and get party approval to pay them very much more. Qualified

graduates were clamouring for blue-collar jobs on the assembly line, where the pay and bonuses were better. He could not persuade skilled workers to take a sharp pay cut by joining the ranks of management; and neither party nor unions would let him introduce the kind of pay differentials that would let him solve his crippling shortage of junior managers.

Mr Gorbachev's chances of succeeding where Kosygin failed hinge upon three critical points. First, he is hoping to bypass the trade union and central planning obstacles to better productivity by an all-out drive for technological innovation. Second, he is determined to overhaul the party apparatus

to make its officials more responsive to industrial management, more committed to reform — and to make it younger. The pace of replacement and new appointments among regional party chiefs is already hot. It will get hotter in the eight months remaining before the next party congress.

Finally, he is hoping that the ghost of Czechoslovakia, 1968, might at last have been laid. When Russians think of Eastern Europe now, they think not of the tanks in Budapest in 1956, but the success of Hungary's own economic reforms, of which Yuri Andropov was an admirer. They think of East Germany's rates of car ownership, of Bulgaria's surging exports of fruit and wine, of Czechoslovak consumer goods. The trouble is that the party managers also think of Solidarity in Poland. Eastern Europe is not yet a model to which any Soviet leader can point with confidence.

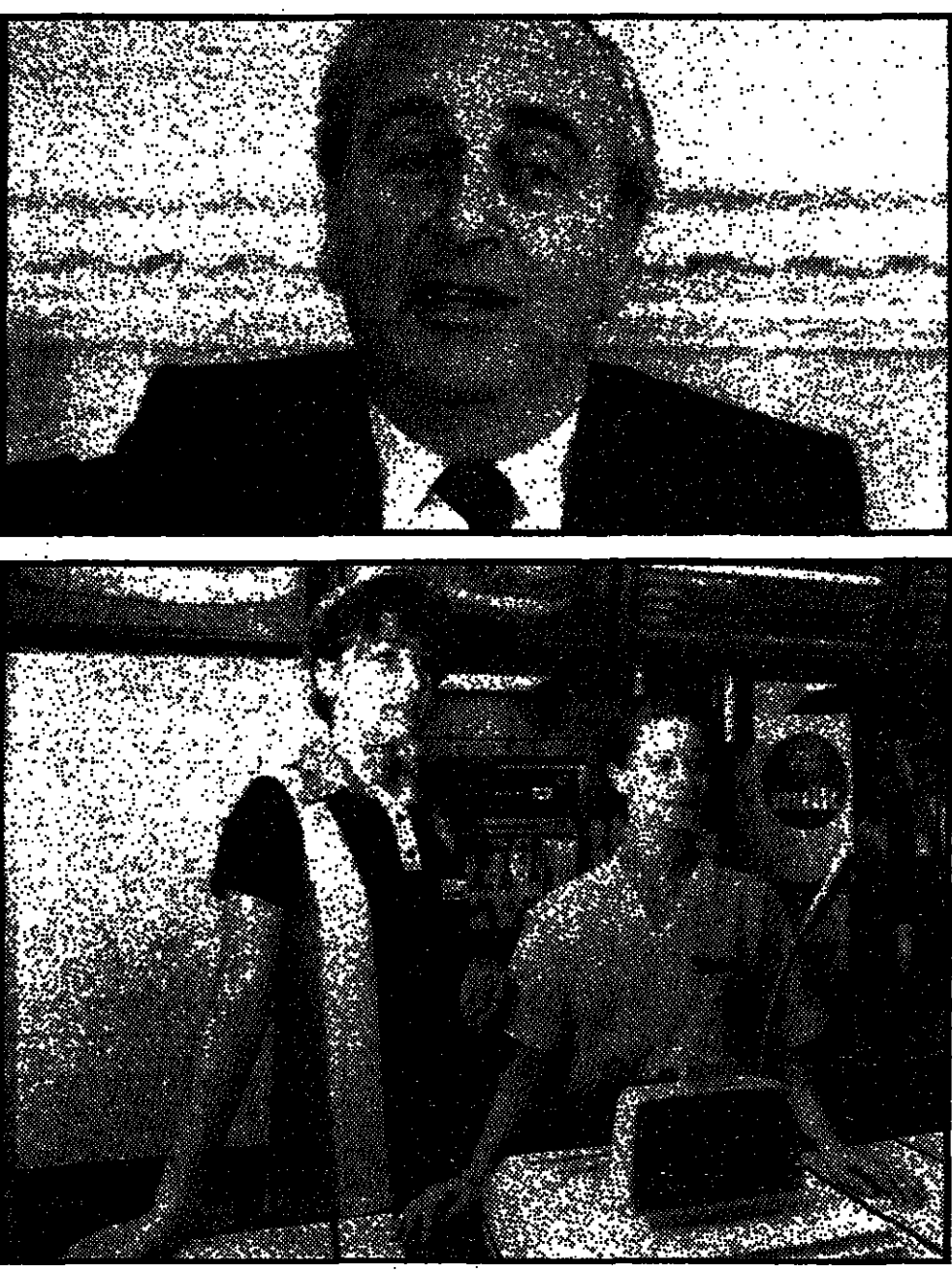
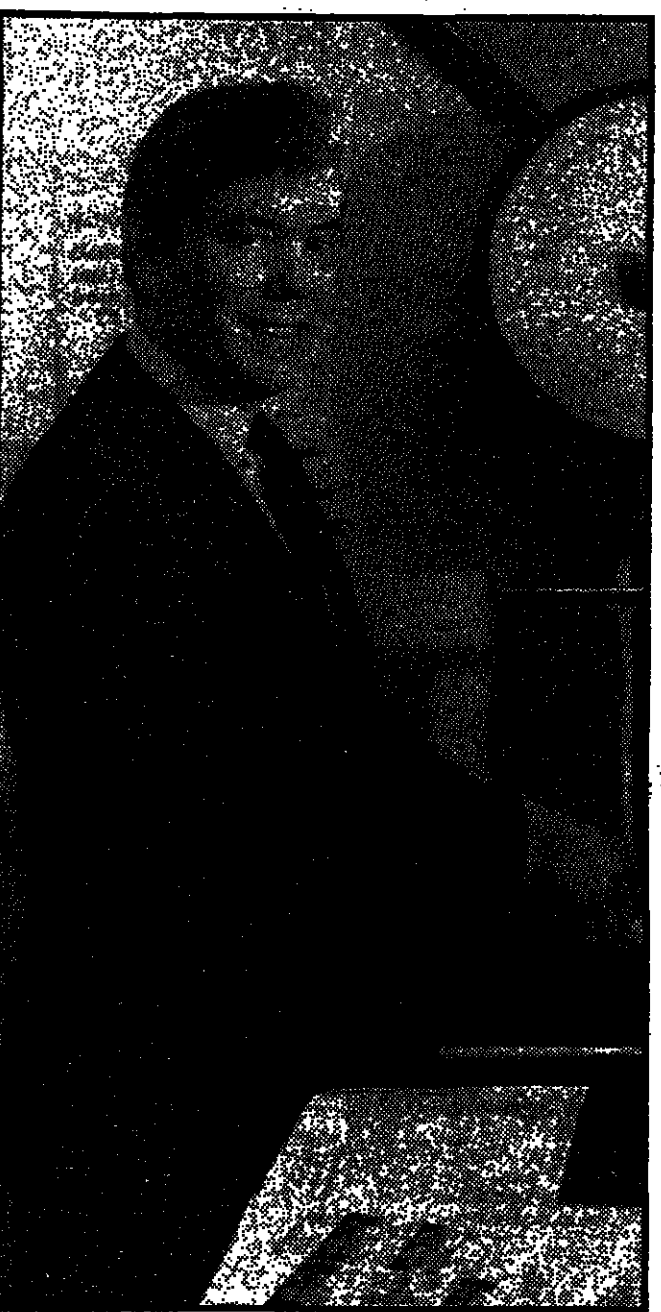
The man with the unenviable job of making the Gorbachev reforms work is the Politburo's latest recruit, Nikolai Ryzhkov, at 55 a contemporary of a former head of the central committee's economic department, a high-flyer who took over the huge Uralmash machine building complex before he was 40, he faces the

challenge of bringing his experience in heavy industry to bear on the USSR's need for consumer goods, retail organisation, marketing, and human management.

The Soviet state has been down this path before. And perhaps the key difference that might just stop Ryzhkov from following Kosygin's failure, and stop Abel Aganbegyan from writing yet another gloomy critique in 20 years' time, is the other wing of the Gorbachev reforms. While Ryzhkov strives to modernise and inspire the economy, the Politburo's other new recruit, Yegor Ligachev, will be forcing through the social and disciplinary reforms that Mr Gorbachev has promised. The new laws on alcohol have already come into effect, and new controls on the surging black economy are in the pipeline.

But if the Ryzhkov-Ligachev team are to succeed in the ambitious task they have been set, they would do well to recall the grim joke that Russia's blue-collar workers have made into something of a national catch phrase: "Of course, we have a social contract with the workers' state," it goes, "they pretend to pay us, and we pretend to work."

A history of the Soviet Union by Geoffrey Hosking. Fontana Original, £4.95.



Left: David Trippier, Minister for Small Business, right Lord Young: 'Enormous potential for clean, fast food... Above: proof of the pudding'

PETER HETHERINGTON finds food for thought in the Government's vision of expansion

How to cater for tomorrow's growth

THE fast-expanding Happy Eater company, like others in its field, is much admired as a symbol of a new enterprise spirit—a key to a jobs revival. It employs almost 2,000, has doubled in size over the past two years, and expects to repeat the process over the next two. It can be found near Chipping Norton, Burgh Heath, Ripon, or 50 other sites on the highways of England.

"Some people have got to learn to take us seriously," says Mr Sandy Ross, the commercial director. "They've got to understand that we're not only creating an industry—one that should be focused upon much more—but a profession."

The Happy Eater chain of family restaurants—owned by Courage, the brewers, and ultimately the Imperial group—may be far removed from the public perception of an "industry," although Mr Ross is adamant that it is just that.

But the catering sector— allied to tourism, leisure, hotels, and other services— offers one of the few areas for employment growth in the foreseeable future. That is acknowledged not only by the Government—notably an enthusiastic Lord Young, the minister charged with reviving an enterprise culture, but also by the unions (who have barely a toehold in this sector anyway) and most of all by the emerging managers in the industry, like 26-year-old Mr Ray Whytock.

With an honours degree in economics from Dundee University, plus a diploma from a catering college, he has managed the north-bound Happy Eater on the A1 near Ripon, North Yorkshire, since January and is in charge of nine staff aged from 18 to 37.

His vision of the future may be shared by many leading universities and — no doubt privately — by many in the Government. It is of a

"hi-tech" Britain — small, but wealthy — on the one hand, and a "no-tech" Britain, providing the jobs, on the other. A few years ago he may have catered manufacturing industry for the years.

"We are not going to have many people employed in manufacturing, but they are going to produce a lot more wealth," he says. "Let's not forget that the 87 per cent officially employed in this country have had 2 per cent more than the cost of living for the past four or five years — they're probably 10 per cent better off than they were five years ago."

He goes on: "But if you look where the new jobs are going to come from, the vast growth will come from things like tourism, leisure, catering, where we have begun to tap the potential. How often do any of us go to eat out? We're seeing in the Little Chiefs and the Happy Eaters and all the other places the beginning of clean fast food where people can take their families out, and I think there's enormous potential for that."

Giving service, he says, should not be considered servile, and Sandy Ross says he couldn't agree more. "There's nothing down-market about being a waiter. In America, for instance, they're jolly proud to have such a job that people respect and look up to. People don't look down as they used to. The days of clucking fingers and jumping to attention have gone. A lot join us as cooks and waiters and work their way up. One of our area managers started as a washer-up."

But at what price? The claim that young people are pricing themselves out of jobs has become as familiar these days as the Thatcher/Lawson "there is no alternative" slogan. Indeed, the Burdens On Business report raises the option of "abolish-

ing or drastically relaxing the control of wages councils' controls over young people's wages which price some of them out of jobs."

Wages in the restaurants so admired by the de-regulators are certainly not high — indeed, unions attempting without great success to organise the industry say they can be at poverty level. At the Ripon Happy Eaters, a waitress over 18 earns £1.65p an hour, a cook-supervisor £1.90 an hour; a 17-year-old £1.40 an hour and a 16-year-old £1.20.

Lesley, a waitress aged 35, says the wages are "fair" — certainly higher than some of the surrounding towns. But she feels sorry for well-qualified teenagers who have to turn to catering because no other jobs are available.

Charlotte, aged 17, another waitress, says she is left with £6 or £7 a week to spend after paying her keep and financing a small car (with the help of parents) which is a necessity to get to work. She depends on tips to buy the petrol. Helen, a young assistant manager, says: "You feel proud to be working. The jobs are around if you are prepared to look for them."

With pay already low, unions fear that some employers will exploit the freedom from wage regulation (assuming that wages councils are going) by holding rates at their current levels and no granting annual increases.

The Transport and General Workers' Union represent only around 50,000 of the estimated two million workers in the industry, and Bill Norcliffe, its national organiser for hotels and catering, says there is no stopping expansion in this sector, expected to grow by 3 per cent this year and over 2 per cent next year. "The traditional industries are dying and this is where the jobs are coming

from," he says. "But wages are pegged at rock bottom to the statutory level."

But, surprisingly, in view of high unemployment, there still can be a shortage of labour. "People say why should I work for £80 a week, when a married man with a couple of kids can receive £105 from social security? That's an indication of how low wages are," he says. But the Government also has plans to make work more financially attractive by removing what it regards as this disincentive to employment.

On the wages front, the managers in this growth industry often take a different view to the Government. Indeed, some managers are clearly unhappy with the prospect of abolishing wages councils. They view abolition as politically dangerous and morally questionable.

"There may appear some logic at first in cutting wage levels to create more jobs," said one fast food manager for a large chain in Yorkshire. "But it can get to the point when it is simply uneconomical. Put bluntly, you pay for what you get, and if you pay little, people just won't try. You've got to have some sort of conscience."

Nothing, for the moment, can stop the onward march of the catering and allied service industries. Lord Young is confident that many more jobs will be created as the enterprise culture takes root, but he cautions: "Some young people, unfortunately, will have to move because I can see great problems. Governments have tried for 20 or 30 years bringing work to some parts of the country. Industries grew there because of the industrial revolution. But the new revolution, which is a revolution of tourism — of the service sector — is in different parts of the country."

IAN BLACK in Jerusalem and MICHAEL WHITE in Washington assess the Peres initiative

Banking on a five-point plan

THE "peace plan" unveiled in Jerusalem on Monday by the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, may not have brought a Middle East settlement any closer, but it should at least ensure that the recent spate of encouraging and innovative diplomatic activity in Washington and Amman can continue without running straight into the sand.

Mr Peres's speech, made in response to the emerging American-Jordanian initiative, put the most positive possible gloss on Israel's reservations about the drift towards new ways of dealing with the Palestine problem. Generally, it said "Yes," rather than "No," where it could be avoided. And in the Middle East that is something of an achievement.

Mr Peres, the Labour leader of the awkward national unity coalition with the right-wing Likud, is in a tight spot. Ever since the government was formed last September, any hint of movement towards negotiations on the Palestinian issue has threatened to rock, or sink, the boat. But he must also keep the Americans and their Arab partners happy.

The main message of his speech is that Israel, as well as the United States and Jordan, has views on how to pursue peace. As one of Mr Peres's advisers put it yesterday: "We should not just say no to Hussein on the points where we disagree with him, but also present our own proposals."

The peace plan is in five stages:

- Continuation of the talks between representatives of the US, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Palestinian representatives who are not PLO members.
- Establishment of a narrow Jordanian-Palestinian and Israeli team which will prepare an agenda for a Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli conference, with the participation of the US.
- Enlistment of the support of the permanent members of the Security Council for direct negotiations between Jordan and a Palestinian delegation and Israel without pre-committing themselves to the stand of one of the sides.
- Appointment of authentic Palestinian representatives from the occupied territories who will represent the position of the inhabitants, and will be acceptable to all sides.
- Convening of an opening conference within three months, at a place to be agreed on, in the US, Europe, or the Middle East.

The plan itself actually says very little that is new.

"Its main achievement is that it doesn't get Peres into trouble at home and it leaves the next practical steps up to the Americans," said one veteran political commentator.

It does not, for example, say that Israel opposes the preliminary meeting, planned for later this month, between the US Middle East envoy, Mr Richard Murphy, and the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation he is hoping to find waiting for him in Amman.

Nor does it say that Israel views the Palestine National Council, the "parliament" of the PLO, as part of the guerrilla organisation, and therefore disqualified from participation in peace negotiations.

Mr Peres and his Labour colleagues are known to be prepared to have PNC people involved. The problem is, they cannot say so and expect to keep the Likud in government.

Thus the call, in the fourth stage of the Israeli plan, for the appointment of "authentic Palestinian representatives" from the occupied territories — precisely the comfortable old Camp David autonomy formula acceptable to the Likud leader and foreign minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

But the plan does remind the Likud that there is, despite the PLO and the uncertainty about its role, still a "Jordanian option" and room, therefore, for territorial concessions on the West Bank. It also offers King Hussein some of the international backing — in the form of "support" from the permanent members of the UN Security Council — he needs, although not the fully-fledged international conference he would like.

With the emergence of the Israeli counter-proposals for an early Middle East peace conference, American diplomacy faces a strenuous test in the coming weeks as it seeks to maintain the momentum and its own fragile credibility with both sides.

There was no ready money being offered in any of the contenting camps in Washington on direct negotiations beginning by the end of the year, as President Reagan and King Hussein have spoken of, or within the three months envisaged by Peres. But some diplomats are betting on the preliminary meeting which King Hussein so badly wants between the US and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, probably in Amman, and possibly, say some, as early as next week.

So the official briefers set out yesterday to put a positive gloss on this latest twist to the revived process, calling it yet another reflection of the negotiation towards direct building up in the region, and confirming a growing consensus for talks by the end of the year. They emphasised that it is the mechanism for talks, not their utility or timing, which divides the two approaches.

Yasser Arafat, whose acceptance of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, justified talk of "a breakthrough" during King Hussein's visit, has still not uttered the words in public. Washington has only the king's word for it. But if Mr Arafat suddenly fell into line behind Hussein's proposals, that would not end the Reagan administration's problems. Israel would then have to be squeezed—something Washington usually finds easier to talk about than do.



The Stock Exchange squares up to future while the Panel guards its flanks



NOTEBOOK

Edited by Hamish McRae

TODAY we catch a further glimpse of life on the Stock Exchange after a "big bang" it looks very much as the Exchange will not bother to try and accommodate its backwoodsmen by introducing another scheme whereby members can sell their shares. And it looks very much as

though the Panel will distance itself from the new SIB/MIB set-up, sufficiently so that if SIB/MIB is a disaster, the Panel will survive.

The Exchange first: the argument of the council was always that the scheme it had proposed to transform members into a marketable commodity was the best one. If members voted it down, they would lose the opportunity to cash in on the unaltered value of their membership.

Members, or rather a small but sufficient minority of members did vote it down, and now have to face the consequences of their action. It is a tough old world, but the Exchange is right not to try and bail the backwoodsmen out. It has to find a way of giving the new corporate members a say in the Exchange, and a way of offering some form of membership to firms which are not yet members, fast. And this has to be done in a way which does not involve a change in the deed of settlement, for the council

cannot risk being defeated again.

The panel's problems post "big bang" are of a quite different order. Over the last few months it has gradually been thinking through the best way of building on its undoubted success in policing takeover practices.

It lost some face by being associated with the wider Council of the Securities Industry, and of course there have been occasions when it has acted inadequately or too late. But by and large it is perceived as a success and it is interesting that several of the London takeover rules it has developed are now being considered in New York.

Put at its lowest, even if the new system of City regulation is a rip-roaring success, the Panel, with its quite specific role, will still be needed. And if the whole thing flops, the Panel must avoid, as far as it can, repeating the opprobrium which will undoubtedly be heaped upon the City at large. Finding a separate funding system is extremely attractive, and getting bidders to

pay has a certain nice logic to it: after all it is they who create the need for the Panel in the first place.

The Panel is cheap to run: less than £1 million last year, which in the context of the deals it policed would be much less than 0.1 per cent or less than a single fee for a big takeover from a top merchant bank. Lord Hanson alone could keep it in the style to which it would like to become accustomed.

Oil hope

If Opec gets over its present little local difficulties, the outlook for Opec and the oil industry in general is pretty bright.

Or at least so says BP in its annual Statistical Review of World Energy, out yesterday. The BP thesis is that world oil demand, which has fallen since 1979, is at last on the rise again. In fact last year was the first year to see a rise in oil consumption at all — albeit a mere

1.1 per cent — since the second oil shock. This year sees a brief lull, while in 1986 demand will start climbing steadily through to the year 2000.

That ledge this year is Opec's, and for that matter, BP's problem. It is thanks to companies like BP, which of course pioneered exploration in the North Sea and Alaska, that non-Opec oil production has risen so fast. And it is thanks to non-Opec production that Opec's current output has been squeezed down to below 15 million barrels a day in May, according to BP.

That is a very low estimate — well below what other oil industry experts have been suggesting. And of course it is putting enormous pressure on Opec's ability to hold together. BP thinks it will, a judgment which only partially has to be discounted with a "they would say that wouldn't they?" retort.

BP stresses, quite reasonably, that Opec has been very successful at squeezing down its members' produc-

tion. So far non-Opec production has offset this. But BP reckons the squeeze eases next year, as demand climbs, and within 10 years Opec should be able to produce 25 million barrels a day again, greatly easing the revenue worries of its members.

At least the BP thesis will be tested very soon, in the first instance at the end of this month at the Opec ministerial meeting in Geneva. This review is going to be one of those which, in a few years time, is going to look extraordinarily prescient... or spectacularly wrong.

Bank block

THE US banks have run into a serious road-block in their drive to develop a nationwide banking system. For the US Supreme Court has ruled that states outside the major banking centres can make regional deals — including mergers — which specifically keep out the big banks. This will intensify pressure from top US banks like Citicorp, Bank of America,

Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover, for Congress to legislate on the rapidly blossoming movement towards inter-state banking within the US. Many bankers yesterday were in a state of shock at what they called the "simplistic" decision which left little scope for appeal.

The court's ruling gives the all-clear to many regional bank deals which had been negotiated in areas like the south-east — where Florida is tipped to emerge as a major banking force. It came in an 8-0 judgment upholding laws passed in neighbouring Massachusetts and Connecticut to permit bank mergers across state lines, something which Federal laws have banned except by local authorising legislation, since the 1920s.

American banks strike the visitor as startlingly parochial in many of their services but pressure towards merger, regional and even national services have been growing apace, albeit reluctantly in some states. More than half the 50 states have either

passed laws permitting regional banking or have legislation pending — most of it specifically excluding the big banks of New York, California, Texas and Chicago.

Bad timing

RED faces at Tarmac yesterday. At its annual meeting, day, one of the items on the agenda was to vote on an increase in the authorised share capital. The vote was duly passed. This is convenient, as its registrar, had already sent out to some shareholders certificates to be the additional shares to be issued, dated June 14. One shareholder, who had received her certificate that morning, pointed this out, and asked what would happen if the meeting voted the resolution down.

The Tarmac board was suitably flustered, as it jolly well should have been. A swift note to the registrar, NatWest, to check which button they press on the computer in future?

Role reviewed ahead of changes in the City

Takeover Panel considers charging bidding firms

By our Financial Staff

The Takeover Panel is considering whether to charge bidding companies for its services as part of a wide-ranging review of its role ahead of changes which are sweeping away the City's existing investor protection arrangements.

A decision has to be made on the future of the Panel — including funding arrangements — by the end of the year. The 10-man executive and 14 Panel members hope to persuade the Government and Bank of England that they should continue to act as an independent watchdog for takeover affairs.

The Panel maintains that its existing areas of jurisdiction are different from those of the newly formed Securities and Investments Board, which has

been created by the Government to protect broader investor interests.

A new-look Panel would also reflect the changing face of the London market by adding representatives of overseas brokers and banks and the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers (NASDIM) to the existing team. The existing arrangements whereby the chairman and deputy chairman of the Panel are chosen by the Governor of the Bank of England and other members nominated by bodies working in the market, would continue.

A proposed levy on bidding companies would help ensure the Panel's independence in the new market place. The scheme could be made more acceptable by introducing a cut-off point so that bids below

a certain size would not incur any charges.

The radical proposal for funding the Panel would also pave the way for an expansion of its existing executive which is hard pressed to deal with the present wave of bids on the London Stock Exchange.

Pressure for a decision on the future of the Panel is likely to increase during the summer as the year-end deadline for winding up the Council for Securities Industries, which currently funds the Panel, approaches.

Sir Jasper Holm, chairman of the Panel, said in his annual report earlier this month that the success it has gained over the years and the esteem it has earned are powerful arguments for keeping change in its structure and constitution to a minimum.

Buenos Aires to get IMF money

From Michael White

IN WASHINGTON: THE International Monetary Fund yesterday confirmed its decision to resume payment of the remaining \$1.5 billion of its stand-by credit to Argentina as the Alfonsín government in Buenos Aires hit the financial bullet and dealt with the peso at a rate 18 per cent.

Further austerity measures are expected. Some \$235 million from the 15-month credit had already been used by Argentina when the fund suspended the facility on April 1, following Argentine defaults on its agreed obligations. The resumption of the credit comes just in time, since there has been speculation here that without it, US

bank — the fund's largest creditor — owes more of its \$45 billion in foreign debt — which have been downgraded the credit-rating of those debts, with serious repercussions for the banking system.

Negotiations between Buenos Aires and the IMF reached agreement at the end of last week. But only yesterday did the fund's managing director, Mr Jacques De Larosiere, send a telegram to Argentina's Finance Minister and the Central Bank governor confirming that he would be supporting their letter of intent — a programme of economic austerity concentrated as usual on containing inflation which is currently 25 per cent.

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Equally importantly, they said, many of GLEB's existing 200 ventures, which have created or safeguarded 3,500 jobs in London, were now being endangered by the unavailability of promised new funds.

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Liberty Life makes reluctant offer for Capco

By Mary Brasier

South African assurance group, Liberty Life yesterday launched a £173 million takeover offer for property group Capco and Counties, but soon made it clear that it was a reluctant bidder.

Liberty Life, through its UK offshoot, Transatlantic Insurance Holdings, has held a 29.9 per cent stake in the property group since 1981. It triggered a full scale bid by buying a further 4.3 per cent holding yesterday from the British Rail pension fund, taking its stake to 34.5 per cent.

But Liberty Life chairman Mr Donald Gordon says he has no intention of taking control of Capco and if his bid succeeds he will place the extra shares with institutions. He is offering just 225p a share to Capco shareholders in an attempt to dissuade them from accepting the offer. "If holders wish to take 225p in cash that is up to them. I feel very relaxed about the offer, with a stake of 34.5 per cent and this way we have a very nice investment."

Capco shares rose 30p yesterday from 195p to 225p. Transatlantic's tactics are a swipe at the Takeover Panel, whose 30 per cent rule Mr Gordon feels is "restrictive."

This was an opportunity to break the shackles of the Takeover Code. The 30 per cent limit is just a psychological barrier. Once we have made a bid we can buy up to 2 per cent more a year if we want. We have a greater flexi-

bility by breaching the 30 per cent level," he added.

Transatlantic wants Capco to retain its Stock Exchange listing and to keep a market in the company's shares. But Mr Gordon said the offer of the near 5 per cent stake from the British Rail pension fund, Capco's largest shareholder, was "exceptional." "I was not anxious that the stake should go elsewhere," he added.

But the manoeuvring has left Capco not a little confused. Managing director Mr Dennis Marler says the bid took him completely by surprise and after an emergency board meeting yesterday morning, he and his colleagues said the 225p price did not "reflect the present value and future prospects of the company."

Mr Marler was not aware that it was precisely the reaction Transatlantic wanted. "If he does not want the bid to succeed that is news to me," he declared.

He added that he was quite happy if Transatlantic held an increased stake of 34.5 per cent. "There has been a good association between us. They have two members on the board and they have been very supportive, providing us with a strong financial partner and wisdom and expertise at board level."

Transatlantic also holds major stakes in Sun Life Assurance and Continental and Industrial Trust but Mr Gordon said it had no plans to increase its shareholdings.

Regalian plans £50m Thames development

By Mary Brasier

FIVE acres of derelict Thames waterfront will be cleared this summer to make way for 100 luxury homes in a £50 million project by Regalian Properties.

The once tiny property company yesterday underlined the highly profitable niche it has carved for itself as the leader of privately funded urban renewal programmes. Free Trade Wharf in London will be its biggest project to date and part of a £113 million programme which could considerably boost the company's turnover over the next five years.

Regalian, headed by the Welsh developer, Mr David Goldstone, yesterday unveiled

a 183 per cent increase in profits last year to £2.2 million on turnover which had leaped by 132 per cent to £10.8 million.

Mr Goldstone first spotted the opportunities presented by the government's commitment to privatising local authority housing in 1981 when he started the Battersea Village Project of 400 houses.

He says there is no shortage of opportunities and expects a boost to business when the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, sets up a special unit later this month to speed up the transfer of public sector housing to the private Goldstone, yesterday unveiled

Panic selling in Hong Kong

From Brian Keady

Local share prices plunged in Hong Kong yesterday with panic selling in the aftermath of last week's collapse of the Overseas Trust Bank.

The Hang Seng Index closed down almost 80 points, at 1,482, wiping out the modest gains made on Monday. Analysts said several factors were behind the dive.

There was heavy selling from overseas fund managers, especially British institutions, and persistent rumours of instability and liquidity problems in local secondary banks.

It was also rumoured that the Financial Secretary, Sir John Breckinridge, was due to make an announcement this afternoon. Sir John dismissed the rumours as "rubbish."

But coming after yesterday's decision by the Singapore-based Hong Leong group not to buy OTB's subsidiary, the Hong Kong Industrial and Commercial Bank, the market remained nervous.

Meanwhile, Patrick Chang, OTB's former managing director and son of the bank's founder, appeared in court again with another former OTB director, Mr George Leow.

They were jointly charged with conspiracy to defraud shareholders, depositors and creditors of the bank.

They are alleged to have dishonestly caused the bank to make inadequately secured loans, to have concealed the identity of borrowers and to have disguised the nature of loans in the bank's records. The charges cover the past three and a half years.

Their applications for bail were rejected and they were remanded in custody until June 21.

Detectives of Hong Kong's Commercial Crimes Bureau are trying to locate Mr Simon Yip, chairman of the defunct deposit-taking company, Dominican Finance.

Last week, the Banking Commissioner, Mr Robert Fell, said a large part of OTB's funds flowed out through the company.

Mr Yip vanished in April, allegedly on a business trip to China, after the winding up of Dominican Finance.

Defeat fails to slow SE aims

By Peter Rodgers

THE Stock Exchange Council made it clear yesterday that it would carry on regardless in introducing new outside firms to the Exchange, in spite of the narrow defeat last week of its proposals for direct corporate membership.

In a statement which indicates that the rebels will largely be left on the sidelines it said: "The narrow failure of the constitutional proposals did not affect any of the changes which are planned in the market or the rules which will permit new entrant firms to come into the Stock Exchange."

The defeated proposal would have given members the right to sell some of their shares in the Exchange to newcomers but the council appears to be concentrating on proposals for asking new corporate members to pay a fee instead.

The size and details of the fee scheme are undecided but the Stock Exchange's deed of settlement forbids it to distribute such fees among members. This means that the rebellion could leave members with no recompense at all, now that the share scheme has been shelved.

Some smaller firms were hoping that their younger and less prosperous partners would use the proceeds of share sales to inject new money into their partnerships, according to one source.

The council said after a meeting that "Work will continue with the formulation of the rules necessary for the new market structure including rules to admit outside houses both to the gilt edged market and to the equity market."

Two new rebel faces appeared last night on the list of candidates for the 13 vacant places on the Stock Exchange Council, together with Mr Jeremy Lewis of Seymour Pierce. He surprised the Exchange by announcing that he would then later put himself up for reelection. Mr Lewis has been one of the principal rebels who opposed the constitutional amendment.

The rebels seeking election are Mr Simon Knott of Green & Co, Mr Ian Rankine of Walker Crisp.

Other candidates included Mr Andrew Hugh Smith of Capel Cure Myers who was defeated in a tie breaking toss of a coin last time round.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE amount of capital available to the European Investment Bank for lending within the European Community and in associated countries has been doubled to £17.3 billion. This is the first increase since 1981, and will be achieved by an increase in subscriptions from the ten existing EEC member states, with a further £1.4 billion coming from Spain and Portugal when they join the European Community on January 1.

The United Kingdom was the second largest destination of EIB loans during 1984, with projects there receiving some £521 million.

THE American computer company, Amdahl, is investing £12 million in expanding its factory in Dublin, which already accounts for 40 per cent of the group's production. The expansion, grant-aided by the Irish Industrial Development Authority, should increase employment from 350 to 550 by 1988.

MANAGERS of STC's capacitor unit in Wrexham have bought the factory and will run it as a new independent company called Rescum Components. The move has been supported by local finance, including a "significant amount" from local councils.

Baker to approve £15m for GLEB

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The Government is expected to approve the release of funds to the GLC-controlled Greater London Enterprise Board later this week, following an emergency meeting yesterday between GLEB and GLC officials, and the Minister for Local Government, Mr Kenneth Baker.

Mr Baker has agreed to a further meeting on Friday after hearing the GLEB officials' arguments for the urgent release of the £15 million balance of total £20 million funds earmarked this year by the GLC for the enterprise board.

The Department of the Environment, under its new powers ahead of the abolition of the GLC next March, had been blocking the funds until the GLC had arranged a transfer of responsibility for the enterprise board to the London boroughs. This movement, however, is unlikely to be completed formally for several months.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr Baker indicated that one factor concerning the DOE was sanctioning any further release of funds was the possibility that the GLC was considering floating off the GLEB independently before next March. The department's legal advisers, he told GLEB, had suggested that this action could be feasible.

The GLC appears to have assured Mr Baker that it has no intention of pursuing this line, and indeed, has never considered it.

Mr Baker also asked for the GLC to supply a forecast of GLEB's net assets at the time of the projected transfer to the London boroughs, and this figure, which is likely to show a comfortable balance of assets over liabilities, will be provided to the DOE today.

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Equally importantly, they said, many of GLEB's existing 200 ventures, which have created or safeguarded 3,500 jobs in London, were now being endangered by the unavailability of promised new funds.

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North top in farm income

By Rosemary Collins, Agricultural Correspondent

AN analysis of farm incomes carried out by the University of Manchester has shown that the highest paid farmers in the country live in Northumberland and Cumbria. The area had an average net farm income of £25,439 a year.

In the arable counties of eastern England where most people would guess the top farming earners live, 3 per cent of farmers had a net income above £25,000 but 7 per cent earned less than £5,000.

Lawson leans on the banks

By Peter Rodgers

THE Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson yesterday leant hard on banks and other street financial institutions to use their branches to spread the ownership of shares by selling them cheaply. He appeared to indicate concern that the banks are not moving fast enough.

He also revealed that there is a backlog of over 900 applications for employee share schemes under the proposals passed in last year's Finance Act. The Inland Revenue has been overwhelmed by applications and has only been able

to approve 390 — still more than one a day — he told the House of Commons. Mr Lawson said the Government had made enormous strides in spreading share ownership.

During the first Maniche Macmillan memorial lecture, he also leant hard on City firms to persuade them that dealing costs for small investors should drop after the Stock Exchange's Big Bang, rather than rise, as many have predicted.

The linkage of stockbroking firms to banks "opens up many new marketing opportunities," he said, and in addition

building societies will soon be able to offer securities to their customers.

Mr Lawson said "The Government can only do so much. But our experience over the past six years suggests that if they are prepared to make such an investment in educating the British public advantages of share ownership and in exploiting the possibilities of their distribution systems, there is a major market waiting to be tapped."

Mr Lawson was lyrical about the political and social benefits of spreading share ownership, saying "we are witnessing little short of a revolution."

Find boosts BP shares

By Andrew Cornelius

Shares of BP jumped by 12p to 525p on the stock market yesterday on news that a huge discovery of gold, uranium and copper in South Australia could be commercially developed from mid-1987.

A feasibility study of the Olympic Dam Project by BP and its partner, Western Mining Corporation Holdings, has identified reserves which would support annual production of 90,000 ounces of gold, 2,000 tonnes of uranium oxide, and 55,000 tonnes of copper. The gold production alone is worth \$27 million (£22 million) a year at today's prices.

BP and Western Mining will decide whether to go ahead with a £280 million development of the Olympic Dam site, which is 325 miles north of Adelaide, within the next six months.

The initial development at Olympic Dam would have a lifespan of at least fifteen years. The deposits were discovered by Western Mining in 1975. The joint venture with BP was formed in 1979.

CRA, a subsidiary of the RTZ mining group, yesterday announced a joint venture development with Mitsubishi Denki to explore the Oakland coal deposit in southern New South Wales in Australia.

BRITISH pensioners abroad are being robbed. Having chosen to live in the sun in some of the countries which used to form the old British Empire, they find themselves trying toeke out pensions which haven't changed since the day they stopped working, have not kept pace with inflation.

In Australia, some 85,000 British pensioners every November count the cost of leaving these shores. It is then pensions are increased at home, but the people in Australia never get the full amount.

At least, they are better off than the 41,000 pensioners who have emigrated to Canada, often to join children. They get no increase at all. In fact, if they left Britain 15 years ago they are still getting a single pension of £5 a week, while those who joined them ten years ago will be managing on £11.60 a week, compared with the current rate in Britain of £35.80.

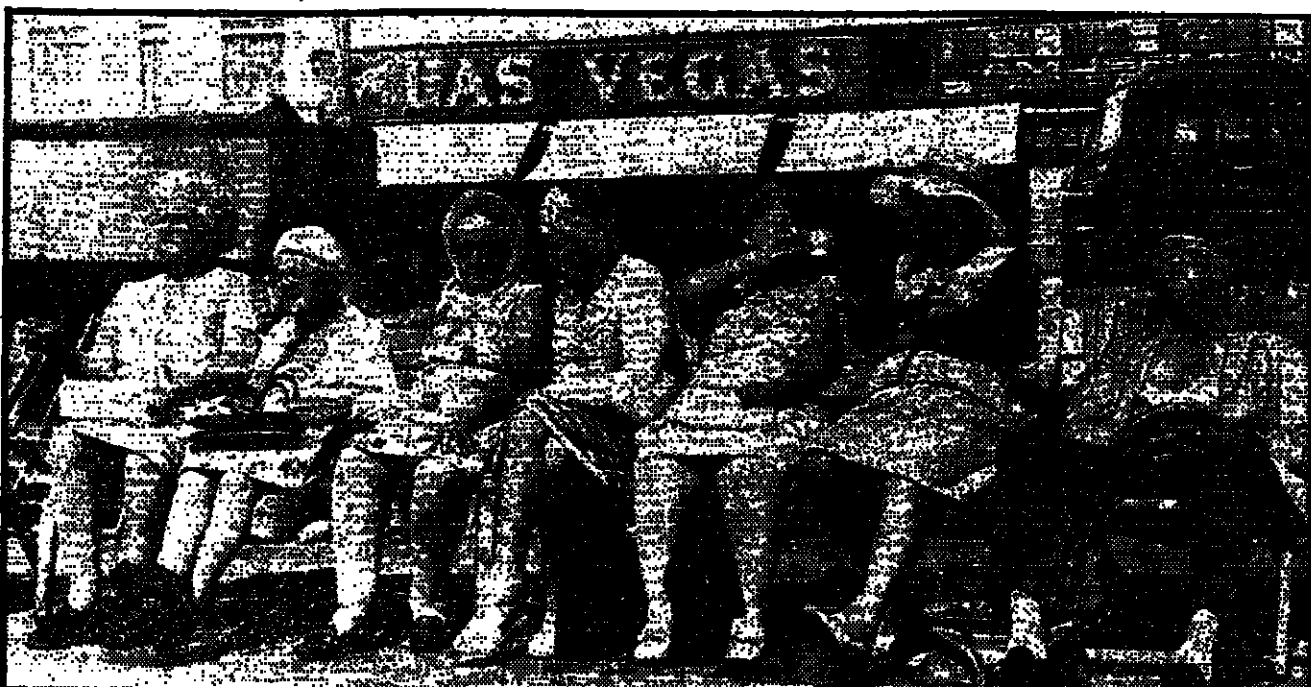
It's the same for the 21,000 in New Zealand and the 15,000 in South Africa. The only way they can get an increase in the pension they paid for all their working life through national insurance contributions is to return to Britain.

But the 9,000 pensioners enjoying the Spanish sun, the 7,000 in West Germany, 6,000 in Italy, 5,000 in Jersey and 4,000 in Guernsey all receive a pension which steadily increases because these countries have a reciprocal social security agreement with the British government.

There doesn't seem to be any logic as to which countries have an agreement, which makes retiring to the sun a little tricky.

The carefree beach life in the Bahamas will cost more dearly than that in Bermuda or Jamaica because the last two have an agreement to index link pensions, just as they are at home.

The United States of Amer-



Keeping sunny side up - picture by Kenneth Saunders

Frozen out of a place in the sun

Lindsay Cook on the need to think twice about retiring abroad

ica severed its links with Britain in an acrimonious way, but British pensioners, who currently number 28,000, get a better deal than those over the border in Canada, which is part of the Commonwealth. They get the full increases in their pensions.

And a new convention with America, which comes into effect in 1988, will allow British people who work in the United States to count any contributions to the social security system there towards a pension that they will later draw in Britain, and vice versa. There's a limit of five years contributions which can be transferred in this way.

The Philippines signed a convention in February, which will allow pensioners to get increases after it comes into force later in the year.

But there's little chance of deals being done to give the full increases to those living in the countries to which most Britons choose to emigrate because it would cost too much and the emphasis is on reducing the social security budget.

The countries of the European Community pay pensioners the full increases, as do Spain, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Gibraltar, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Mauritius,

Turkey, Portugal, Israel, Malta, Jersey, Guernsey, and Sark.

If you are planning to retire abroad, you should tell the social security office in plenty of time and you will then be informed how the pension will be paid.

It may be sent directly to your address abroad every four or 13 weeks, or to a bank or savings account in the United Kingdom, or paid to a person you have nominated as your agent in the United Kingdom.

The Department of Health and Social Security leaflet N138 gives details of social security benefits outside the

European Community and is a good starting point because it lists which countries have a reciprocal agreement to pay the full pension and which do not.

There are also leaflets available from the DHSS Overseas Branch, Newcastle upon Tyne NE98 1YX, which give precise information about the social security arrangements for countries which have special agreements.

Britain is unique in offering supplementary benefit so there's no question of pensioners, who are eligible for extra help here getting it if they leave.

Company pension schemes pay out any increases where you may roam and whatever the inflation rate. While the inflation rate in Britain may help in the decision as to what the annual increase should be for former employees there would be no cut for those in Switzerland, where inflation is low or Brazil where it is very high, said a spokesman for the Company Pensions Information Centre.

But pensioners may find that they get less cash to spend than expected if they choose a destination which has a strong currency which makes the exchange rates unfavourable to sterling.

As pensioners get older and less fit many choose to return to Britain to get treatment under the National Health Service. But it is not only the treatment that is important. They may want to see a relative for the last time but not have the money to pay the fares.

An insurance scheme for those emigrating to Australia and New Zealand, leaving their families 12,000 miles behind, is operated by Patrick Leigh as the Emergency Travel Insurance Scheme. Policies are taken out naming the emigrants and the selected relatives they would want to see in the case of a bad accident or one of them being seriously ill.

In such an emergency the policy pays the air fares so that whether parents or children are seriously ill they can be visited.

The premiums start at £30, with one adult insured in Britain or Australia and New Zealand, but the premiums are higher if one or more of the people named on the policy is 70 to 75.

The scheme is underwritten by the Navigators and General Insurance Company (Eagle Star) and the operators can be contacted at 20 Lime Street, London EC3M 7HN.

Unsafe as empty houses

When it comes to house insurance, expatriates can be on tricky ground. Sara Webb points out some of the pitfalls

AS Ambrose Bierce pointed out in *The Devil's Dictionary*, insurance is an ingenious game of chance in which the player is permitted to enjoy the comfortable conviction that he is beating the man who keeps the table.

The problems arise if the player is hoping to leave his house unoccupied and insure the building and contents while he's out of the country for several months at a stretch, because he may well find he has little chance of joining the game at all.

Anyone planning to move abroad and leave a property unoccupied must notify the insurer of this change in circumstances and check the existing policy carefully.

Insurance companies are marginally more sympathetic towards their existing customers, but there is a tendency either to withdraw certain clauses in the normal policy or to bump up the premiums - in some cases by 200 per cent. New customers will probably be greeted without enthusiasm. After all, from the insurer's point of view, an empty property is an unattractive risk - unlit windows and weed-ridden gardens beckon to burglars and squatters, and damage from flooding or storms may well take longer to detect, in which case the extent of the damage is likely to be greater.

The first item to check is whether the insurance for an unoccupied property covers all such normal risks as fire, flooding, malicious and accidental damage, as well as paying architects and surveyors' fees and the cost of alternative accommodation if the owner is left stranded upon return.

General Accident, for example, charges the same premium for occupied and unoccupied houses, but in the latter case, the policy excludes: breakage of fixed glass, double glazing, sanitary fixtures, and destruction, or damage by theft or malice.

It is assumed that jewellery, paintings, furs, silver, clocks and other valuables will either be locked away in a safe or will accompany the house owner abroad.

Even so, premiums can be considerably higher for the contents of unoccupied properties, though premiums vary according to area.

When the house is rented out during the owner's absence, contents cover does not include theft by the tenant - there must be signs of forced entry.

YOUR SAVINGS

	% Interest net	% gross rate taxpayer	Tax	£ Min
BANKS				
Regular savings	7.75	10-10.35	paid	1
Lump sum 12 months	8.25-9.125	11.74-15	paid	10-month
Lump sum 3 months	8.4-9.5	12.25-15.57	paid	2,000
High interest	9-9.5	12.64-13.57	paid	100+
High interest	9-9.5	12.64-13.57	paid	2,000
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Share account	8.25	11.74	paid	100
7 day	8.5	13.9	paid	200-500
Instant Access	9.75	14.25-14.6	paid	200-500
90 day	10-10.25	14.6-15.4	paid	10,000
High interest account	10.25-10.75	14.6-15.4	paid	10,000
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK				
Deposit	7.75	10.71	paid	5p
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Matthew Engel at Tunbridge Wells

Burst of boundaries A brisk beats the downpour Botham

CRICKET

After two-and-a-half entertaining days in which the only sad-looking things were the skies, the rhododendrons and the batting, Nottinghamshire eked out a four-wicket win over Kent at Tunbridge Wells 40 minutes before tea yesterday before the weather could do anything nasty to them.

The victory looked a bit scratchy at the time, but appears very useful indeed when set alongside the damp draws elsewhere. Hampshire have been slowed temporarily at least; Nottinghamshire, last year's runners-up, may be judged gathering momentum, but they will have to gather a good deal more before they can start to be considered potential champions again.

Needing 157 to win, the lowest total of even this bowlers' match, Nottinghamshire made heavy going of it until Birch and Hadlee came together. By luck and a little judgment, they hit five fours in the last nine balls, doubling the total of boundaries for the innings. The wicket remained very fair, not dissimilar to many of those at Trent Bridge, but the ball shifted around in the gloom and batting conditions were a good deal worse than during the multiple collapses of Saturday and Monday. At times it was Bible-black and near the end the players solidered on through a brief but sharp downpour.

None of the batsmen looked at ease. Broad, who is groping for form, did well to hang in there for 25 overs. Johnson played one glorious on-drive in his 40, but would prefer the sun on his back. Randall did not convey his customary joie de vivre either, but was as

David Foot at Bath

A brisk Botham warm-up

CRICKET

Ian Botham flexed his muscles yesterday as a prelude to his Test return, but the spectators' optimistic hopes of some sort of contrived finish to the match was never realistic, and rain eventually stifled the murmurs of disapproval in mid-afternoon.

Somerset's first innings reached 243 before Botham ran out of partners. His own contribution was typically fiery and fearless. He scored 76 not out, including five sixes and seven fours, off 47 balls and looked in no trouble at all.

That lively interlude was just about the only feature of the drawy match. The rain clouds had hovered too much over the last two days to set up even a token contest and play ended with Gloucestershire at 84 for four.

Graveney took three for 25, as well as another of his sharp gully catches to dismiss Marks, before Gloucestershire went in again — at pedestrian pace, to make clear that there would be no frantic folly. Botham promptly held a magnificent slip catch off Stovold.

Romaine, strolled impudently along for an undisturbed 22 of 37 overs, and a defender like Davidson rooted himself to the crease. Apart from eight points for Gloucester and six for Somerset there was not much of lasting interest.

Gard, who was severely criticised in a decision with Romaine on Sunday, has been advised not to play for a week. He joins a long Somerset injury list consisting of Brian Rose, Peter Robuck, Julian Wyatt, Colin Dredge and Murray.

With Botham on Test duty, Hardin, Palmer and Turner came into Somerset's side for the match against Lancashire at Bath today.

Paul Fitzpatrick at Edgbaston

Nicholas ambition diluted

CRICKET

MARK NICHOLAS has made an encouraging start as captain of Hampshire, but he must have been left glumly wondering at Edgbaston yesterday whether his luck has already dried up.

Hampshire were strongly placed against Yorkshire at Middlesbrough last week, but were denied a likely victory by the weather. They were in an even more powerful position at Edgbaston where, with the opposition still needing 108 to avoid an innings defeat, they required only three more modest Warwickshire wickets for victory.

Then the rain arrived just before 2.30 pm and Nicholas reluctantly accepted at 5.45 pm that his cause was lost. Warwickshire's extensive motorised covering was not in use yesterday because of technical problems.

The weather, of course, has been known on odd occasions to interfere with the aspirations of county teams, but Nicholas's frustration was entirely understandable. Hampshire had, as he said, outplayed Warwickshire in batting, bowling and fielding from first to last.

Nicholas's prediction is that ten or eleven wins could secure the championship this season. Hampshire have three victories and feel they should now have five and a lead, possibly, of 50 points. It's a long life if Nicholas is getting it right, but it is a tough one now that the opposition have realised Hampshire's capacity for chasing difficult targets.

The start yesterday was delayed for 25 minutes by heavy rain, but once into the field, Hampshire were soon moving steadily to an apparent fourth championship win.

Hampshire, so impressive the previous evening in dealing with the rain, played down the wrong line to Conner, and gave a simple catch to Paris.

Paul Smith, fell to a catch at third slip off Marshall and when Amis was palpably left before to Tremlett, Hampshire must have felt that the back of the resistance had been broken. The subsidence continued after lunch when Ferreira, Warwickshire's last recognised batsman, fell to Tremlett, but the sky was darkening and the rain was not far away.



LIGHTNING LLOYD... en route to rapid victory yesterday

Robert Armstrong at Queen's Club

Lloyd thrives on quick service

TENNIS

John Lloyd threw down the gauntlet with an exhilarating display of power tennis in the Stella Artois grass court championships at Queen's Club, London, yesterday.

A capacity centre court crowd of almost 4,000 saw Britain's No. 1 sweep aside Matt Mitchell of the United States 6-2, 6-3 in less than an hour. Only a handful of matches were completed as persistent rain restricted play to 1hr 38min.

It was a clear warning to his practice partner Connors that the 30-year-old Lloyd means business in his challenge to the top seed this week. Watched by his wife Chris, Lloyd backed up his heavy serving with a battery of crisp ground strokes and accurate volleys that always had Mitchell in deep trouble.

Yet Lloyd, currently ranked No. 41 in the world, only just managed to squeeze in two hours' practice on grass the previous day in preparation. Together with Connors he drove out to Ealing, traded shots for an hour and then switched to another club at Holland Park for a further session.

"I was worried I might have to go on court without having put in one minute's practice on grass," said Lloyd. "But the work-out with Jimmy was invaluable — my quick-motion serving was the key to the whole match and helped me to become more aggressive in other departments."

Lloyd believes the rain and overcast conditions, which delayed the start of play by three hours, could turn later rounds into "Russian roulette".

Nevertheless, Lloyd must now play a man he has failed to beat in half-a-dozen matches. Wojtek Fibak, who defeated the seeded American Mike Leach 3-6, 7-6, 9-7 after squandering five match points. If Lloyd survives against the 33-year-old Pole in their first meeting on grass, he will probably come up against the American in the fifth round outside bet to reach Sunday's final.

Despite the absence of John McEnroe and the French Open finalists, Mats Wilander and Ivan Lendl, interest in this splendidly-run tournament remains as intense as ever with the umpire having to court order at the noisy centre court yesterday.

Today, play will start at 10.30am in an effort to make up the backlog of matches.

The rain-check system came into operation due to insufficient spectators to claim a refund on tickets. The organisers may have to pay out to £20,000, depending on the number of claims they receive.

SOCCER

Hollins and Smith in capital takeovers

CRICKET

John Hollins was promoted from coach to manager by Chelsea yesterday, within hours of the news that neighbours Queen's Park Rangers had appointed Oxford United's Jim Smith to their vacant manager's job.

Hollins, 39, will have a three-year contract. He succeeds John Neal, who is to join the board in an advisory capacity. Neal's deputy, the former Wigan manager, Ian McNeill, will remain as No. 2.

The Chelsea club, which had been in the depths of despair with no money, no players, no spirit and no ambition, ground. He kept the club alive and built the team we have today, taking us from the brink of the Third Division to sixth in the First.

Hollins, who won one England cap in a distinguished career with Chelsea (two spells), QPR and Arsenal, said that he would regard his first season as "a free-for-all", with a history of crowd violence, as to spend £50,000 introducing an identity-card system for spectators at Stamford Bridge.

Meanwhile, Oxford have appointed Maurice Evans, a former Reading manager, as caretaker-manager following Smith's departure. Evans, who was sacked by Reading, joined United two years ago as development officer.

Smith failed to reach agreement with the chairman Robert Maxwell over terms for a new contract, and the deal with QPR was finalised after talks with their chairman, Jim Gregory, on Monday night. Oxford will receive £50,000 in compensation from the London club.

Smith, who took Oxford to the Second and Third Divisions in successive seasons, said yesterday: "I have done a great deal for Oxford on a not very good contract, and the new one falls short of what I wanted. It will be a wrench leaving, but I am ambitious and the chance came up to join a well-established First Division club."

The Oxford supporters' club secretary Gary Whitting said: "This is a very sad day for Oxford, but we do have the First Division to look forward to."

SOCCER IN BRIEF

WATFORD yesterday signed Arsenal's former left-back and England midfielder player Brian Talbot for £150,000. Talbot is 32 next month. Watford hope to recoup some of the outlay by selling another midfielder, Paul Atkinson, back to Oldham.

THE WELSH FA have ordered that next season's Welsh Division game between Wyke and Chester must be all-ticket, with no sales on the day. This follows crowd trouble during the match between the clubs at the Racecourse on Easter Monday.

JOHN BOND yesterday threatened to resign as Swansea manager unless his board sort out their latest financial crisis. Bond's ultimatum came after it was revealed that Swansea need to raise £150,000 in 21 days to stay in business.

STOKE CITY, relegated, managerless and in deep financial trouble, suffered another blow yesterday with the death of their chairman, Frank Edwards, at the age of 66.

BRISTOL ROVERS yesterday signed the 17-year-old Leeds reserve striker David Meheux on a free transfer.

MICHAEL RUMMENIGGE, 21-year-old brother of Karl-Heinz, is set to join Hamburg from Bayern Munich.

MANCHESTER UNITED's reserve goalkeeper Stephen Davis has been asked for a transfer because he wants regular first-team football.

Alan Davies, the Welsh international, has turned down a new two-year contract with United for the same reason.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Somerset v. Gloucestershire

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David Lacey on England's latest challenge in Mexico City

Deputy Dixon faces jet-lagged Germans

SOCCER

England complete the Mexico City part of their summer tour when they meet West Germany in the Aztec Stadium today, knowing that, while a victory will not mean a lot in World Cup terms, another defeat will pose further questions about Bobby Robson's strategy in these conditions.

For while it is true that England have beaten the West Germans only once in eight encounters since the 1966 World Cup final — a 2-0 win at Wembley under Don Revie in 1975 — there will be something wrong somewhere if they do not score.

The German trip to Mexico is purely a courtesy visit. The team flew in only 48 hours before the kick-off and are due to leave immediately after Saturday's match against Mexico. Beckenbauer would not have had time here at all had the arrangements not been made before he succeeded Jupp Derwall as manager 10 months ago.

The departure of Wilkins, Francis and Hately back to their Italian clubs has forced Robson to make changes in midfield and attack, but he has managed to preserve the desired shape of his side. Reid comes in for Wilkins, and Snicker and Dixon replace the two strikers, lining up with Waddle rather than Barnes. Shilton is again in goal, and Stevens, Wright and Butler are recalled to the defence, but Steven rather surprisingly will not start the match because Robson wants to see more of Hoddle at altitude.

Having impressed as a substitute against Italy and worked hard against Mexico, Hoddle has an outstanding chance today to show that his style is well suited to the conditions that will prevail in Mexico. Robson will not easily forgive one of his laid-back performances.

Dixon and Reid, who came



CHELSEA CHOICE: Kerry Dixon, who leads England

on during the second half against Mexico, will be starting an England match for the first time. Robson spent most of last season hearing about Dixon's prolific scoring record — 70 in two seasons for Chelsea — and after announcing his selection added with some relish that "he is being chucked in at the deep end and he will have to learn to swim like everybody else."

"He will be praying against a defensive system that he has never faced in his whole career and he will certainly learn the difference between international football and club football."

Creating chances but not taking them is one of England's main problems at the moment. But even more fundamental has been the failure of

the midfield players to get a grip of the game and Robson's insistence on using an out-and-out winger has made heavy demands on their stamina under the Mexican sun. Beckenbauer, who has an advantage over Robson in that he played in the 1970 World Cup and knows about the difficulties of heat and altitude at first hand, watched England lose to Mex-

BADMINTON

Richard Jago in Calgary

Victory for the family Butler

Steve Butler, the England No. 3, pulled off a marvelous victory over the Chinese left-hander Yang Qiangli by 15-11, 4-15, 15-13 in the early hours of yesterday as the world championships in Calgary opened.

Butler joined his compatriots Steve Baddeley, Nick Yates, and Darren Hall in the second round, and celebrated his win with an ear-splitting war cry and a vault over the spectators' fence to embrace his mother.

The 21-year-old Butler's mother is now also his manager and it was the first time he had paid for her to travel abroad with him. "It's all worked out a treat, especially after the pain in the arse I've been through over the last six months," he said.

Butler was referring to the succession of injuries—including both ankles, a wrist and neck—which reduced him to depression and just two tournaments in all that time and which made yesterday's success all the more remarkable. The last of the injuries saw him rushed to the intensive care unit at his local Coventry hospital.

Victory was achieved, as Butler's usually are, by great subtlety of stroke play but sheer effort and strength of character. But the England player had his luck.

Yang looked the defter, faster and more flexible player for much of the match, but unaccountably served out of court at 12-0 and 12-4 in the first game just when Butler's lack of match practice might have revealed itself.

Butler also gained impetus during the psychologically crucial early phases of the final game when the Danish winner wrongly called the score 2-2, Butler argued, the crowd yelled and there was a four-minute delay as the assistant referee arrived to sort it out.

The umpire eventually apologised and Butler was restored — with Yang's honest assistance — to a 2-1 lead.

David Davies reports from Detroit on a damp prelude to the US Open

Lightning greens hold terrors

GOLF

IT RAINED hard in Detroit yesterday and for that relief the US Open field collected. The rain was not as frequent as the wet weather the golfer's friend but the storm system that was sweeping through Michigan from Nova Scotia — on its way to Texas — was made very welcome at Oakland Hills.

"As far as I am concerned," said Greg Norman, "it can rain from now till Thursday." The reason is the greens. According to one professional, who had better remain anonymous, they are

"faster than a Las Vegas hooker," and they have got the cream of the world's golfers worried.

Four of them — Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Lee Trevino and Norman — all agreed that, combined with the sharp slopes on many of them, the greens are faster than those at Augusta for the US Masters.

When the players are faced with that, on a course of the calibre of Oakland Hills, a certain amount of trepidation, except in the case of the quiet smiles as they put on their waterproofs for their practice rounds.

Trevino, in particular, was delighted. "I don't use as much as I used to, and this is a relief," he said. "I feel I've paid my dues."

This could be Norman's course. The rough is not as fearsome as it has been for previous US Opens and the long hitters get a definite reward. Yesterday Norman hit the 15th green with a drive and a seven iron. Eight behind him Larry Wadkins hit three tee shots and off the best of them hit a five wood.

It was at this tournament last year that Norman paid the heaviest of his dues, and it could be that this year will be the one for him to collect.

Greg Norman, after a disappointing Woburn, hit the ball well in his first practice round and is increasingly anxious to win his first major. "I feel I'm about ready," he said. "I feel I've paid my dues."

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Grahame Lloyd

Wales working on a national league

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3 00 SILBANDO (nap) 4 30 Kufuma

JACQUET & PLOTTON: All six races
DRAW ADVANTAGE: No significant advantage
— JACQUET & PLOTTON: Good to soft

- 2 0-5 F ISLEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £2,203 (8 runners).
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RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap—SINGLE (2.30 Newbury)
Next best — STALKER (4.00 Newbury)

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- 3 30-TWYFOOT STAKES: 3-Y-O; 11m; £4,732 (7 runners).
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- 4 0-BENKIN STAKES: 3-Y-O; 5f; £2,955 (8 runners).
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- 4 30-HERMITAGE STAKES: 1m runner; £3,880 (5 runners).
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Oh So Sharp deserves crack at the diamonds

RACING

Chris Hawkins

Slip Anchor, Rainbow Quest, and Oh So Sharp are the three indisputable class on Epsom last week but trying to evaluate the merit of their individual efforts is hard and opinion will vary.

One man's view always worth noting is that of Dave Edwards, the Sporting Life's time expert who rates Slip Anchor's Derby win the week's top performance.

He gave Slip Anchor a speed figure of 106 compared to Rainbow Quest's 103 and Oh So Sharp's 102. Impressive as Slip Anchor was, he hardly won more easily than Rainbow Quest, who was never off the bit to beat Old Country in the Coronation Cup. If Pat Eddery had ridden him out there is no doubt he would have returned a higher figure.

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Abolition of Serps will mean higher NI

By James Naughtie, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister admitted in the Commons yesterday that many people will pay higher national insurance contributions as a result of the abolition of Serps, the State earnings-related pension scheme, but said it was a decision which was necessary because of the long-term rise in the cost of the scheme.

Mrs Thatcher was involved in a virtual shouting match with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, when he challenged her to tell MPs how much the Cabinet decision to phase out the scheme would cost.

She said that if the scheme were left in place its cost would rise in real terms from £50 billion now to £86.5 billion in the year 2033 and she accused the Labour leader of making extravagant promises on pensions.

Shouting into the hubbub, the Prime Minister claimed that Labour's plans in its 1985 election manifesto would have meant £10 on weekly national insurance contributions.

In turn, Mr Kinnock said: "What are you trying to evade now? What are you trying to hide in the future?"

Yesterday's exchanges produced little new, but they did underline Labour's determination to make the proposed reviews of the social security system—particularly the phasing out of Serps—the principal element of the attack on the Government throughout the summer.

The shadow cabinet has decided that the proposed pensions reform is an issue on which Labour can appeal to its traditional support—partly because it is such a complicated affair that it has a capacity to alarm voters unsure about its effect on them.

The Government's difficulty in winning support for the reforms proposed by Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, is that ministers' refusal to provide detailed figures on the effect of the reviews lays them open to the charge that they are concealing the true purpose of the scheme.

Tighter warship price check urged

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

Ministry of Defence warship procurement policies have been cautiously approved by the National Audit Office but misgivings have been raised over pricing and quality controls, notably over the nuclear submarine builder, Vickers.

The Comptroller and Auditor-General, Sir Gordon Downey, commends recent improvements in the warship builders, quality and delivery performance. However, he is uneasy about the MOD's policy of switching design responsibilities particularly for co-ordinating development of warships and their weapon systems from government to the builders.

"A cautious approach to further transfer of responsibilities seems necessary and there is a need to assess, as far as is practicable, the cost-effectiveness of such transfers and of proposals to contract out work arising from staff cuts."

His report suggests that the MOD has not always received value for money on warship contracts. It recommends that the ministry, the dominant customer of warship yards, should be able to improve performance and productivity.

This could be achieved by emphasising competition and negotiating "tougher non-competitive contracts with prices linked to improvements in productivity."

Sir Gordon says that produc-

tivity improvements are not apparent at the Vickers yard, at Barrow-in-Furness, one of seven British Shipbuilders-owned warship yards which are being privatised. He draws attention to the fact that Vickers, the monopoly builder of nuclear submarines, including Trident, will receive non-competitive MOD orders.

The yard had consistently over-estimated the number of manhours needed to build MOD vessels, particularly submarines and aircraft carriers. The Vickers management had over-estimated the hours required by 43 per cent in a recent example. In only one case, the construction of a type 22 frigate, had the result been close to contract projections.

"The principal director of contracts (navy) has commented that, looking back over the results of earlier contracts with Vickers, it would seem that the MOD had been too easily persuaded towards the company's view of manpower requirements," says Sir Gordon.

The MOD had tried to improve this but Vickers was particularly important because contracts worth more than £2 billion for nuclear submarines are expected to be placed up to 1990.

Sir Gordon also criticises this year's decision to ignore direct cost factors in placing an order for a type 22 frigate with the Cammell Laird yard, Birkenhead. It was awarded on

the insistence of the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, despite strong opposition from the Department of Trade and Industry, to leave Cammell Laird from probable closure.

The MOD had argued that the extra cost could be justified because the existence of a greater number of warship yards would lead to more competitive pricing and therefore savings for the ministry.

However, Sir Gordon says that the DIT and British Shipbuilders had questioned whether the over-capacity in the United Kingdom's warship yards should continue, and suggested that there were better ways of obtaining value for money.

Labour group of Euro MPs ousts Barbara Castle from leadership

By Martin Linton

Mrs Barbara Castle was deposed as the leader of the British Labour group in the European Parliament yesterday in a bloodless coup a few days after telling her colleagues that she wanted to serve for one more year.

She was defeated by 18 votes to 14 by her former deputy, Mr Alf Lomas, a leftwinger who made it clear immediately on taking up his new duties that he remained committed to Britain's withdrawal from the European Community.

The defeat of Mrs Castle after six years as Labour group leader did not take Westminster by surprise. She is 74 and has made it clear that she wanted to give up her position in order to concentrate on writing "some books".

In a letter to her colleagues last week she said she would leave the group to have a new leader well before the next European elections in 1986, but she would be prepared to accept nomination to carry on for a further 12 months.

In the event, the broad left grouping, which includes about two-thirds of the 52 Labour Euro-MPs, decided to go ahead with the election of Mr Lomas this year rather than wait until 1986. However, a few leftwingers switched their votes back to Mrs Castle.

Mrs Castle appeared to take her defeat in good heart yesterday and said she would "relieve rather than regret" the "lightening of my workload," she said. "I had already indicated to the group that I would only want to serve for another 12 months."

In a statement from his office Mr Neil Kinnock said: "I have the greatest admiration and respect for Barbara Castle, whose reputation as a socialist is international. But, clearly, the group has its own conditions and authority to make its own decisions."

There is no doubt that her departure will be greatly regretted at Westminster, but it was inevitable that she would depart before the next European election and there are no other Labour Euro-MPs who have a reputation to match hers.

Mr Alf Lomas, Euro-MP for London North-East, has a long pedigree on Labour's hard left and was only prevented from becoming Labour MP for Newham North-West by the rule barring Euro-MPs from challenging sitting MPs in re-election.

He is, however, considered to be in tune with the mood on the left of wanting to work with Mr Kinnock, as exemplified by Mr Ken Livingstone, rather than the more dogmatic line of far left Euro-MPs such as Mr Les Hurrell and Mr Bob Cryer.

In a statement after his election he said: "As a committed anti-marketeer, I shall continue to campaign for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC whilst playing as full and as vigorous a part as possible on behalf of the working people of Europe so long as we remain a member of the EEC."

Mr Stan Newens, Euro-MP for Central London, was elected chairman of the Labour Party group in succession to Mr Tom Megaw, who became deputy leader. He defeated Mr Norman West, Euro-MP for West Yorkshire, who is a close ally of Mr Arthur Scargill.

Mrs Castle will continue as senior vice-chairman of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, and will be the Labour Party's representative in the bureau of the group.

Thatcher 'Star Wars' talks set

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr George Bush, the United States vice-president, will have talks with Mrs Thatcher in London on July 3 at the end of his European tour of seven countries.

The mission is seen in Washington as the next effort to sell the Star Wars plan, officially the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The cool reception to the policy at the recent meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Lisbon has caused backstage dismay.

The climax of the Bush visit will be an address to members of the International Institute of Strategic Studies at its London headquarters. He is expected to try to calm the fears of America's European partners about the concept of a "nuclear umbrella in space."

The Lisbon meeting showed that France is the most doggedly opposed to the plan and it is significant that President Reagan has persuaded President Mitterrand to accept a stop in Paris as part of the Bush itinerary.

The others, beginning on June 23, will be: Rome, Bonn, The Hague, Brussels, and Geneva. Mr Bush is expected to follow up some points raised by Mr Reagan with Mr Mitterrand and other leaders at the recent seven-nation economic summit in Bonn.



At the start of the state visit of the President of Mexico, Senor Miguel de la Madrid, the Duke of Edinburgh talks to Senora de la Madrid during the procession to Buckingham Palace. Picture by E. Hamilton West

No action over leak

By Alan Travis

The Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, announced last night that a junior overseas development administration official, Mr Geoffrey Dennis, is not to be prosecuted. He allegedly leaked documents concerning British policy on aid to Nicaragua.

Sir Michael said in a written Commons answer that investigations had resulted in an admission by Mr Dennis that he had communicated a number of the department's documents

to Mr George Foulkes, a Labour spokesman on foreign affairs.

Mr Dennis has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the inquiries. A spokesman said that his position would be considered in the light of the decision not to prosecute.

Dr Stuart Holland, Labour spokesman on overseas development, last night compared Mr Dennis's case to that of Mr Clive Ponting, and said he should be reinstated without delay and given back pay.

Thatcher 'idolatry' earns bishop's wrath

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allows taxis, hire cars and mini-buses to operate regular passenger services.

Mrs Thatcher and the Transport Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, were also unlikely to take kindly to the Bishop questioning the practical consequences of their simplified faith in hordes of busy little men and women being given the chance to set up little empires.

"Surely, this is a romantic dream which could only be entertained and, legislated for by people under the grip of a strong and over-simplified faith."

In a reference to the controversy he caused over the validity of the Resurrection, the Bishop self-deprecatingly told peers: "You will know I am not in favour of an over-simplified faith."

He also said there were grounds for grave disquiet on the political and practical consequences of the bill. Society was divided and it was not the time to bring forward a measure which seemed to bear more and more harshly on the have-nots.

He dismissed ministerial assurances about subsidies on the grounds that they were less likely to be given under

a government which made less money available for them.

He urged the Lords to amend the bill in the committee stage to slow down the introduction of the legislation.

He also asked for more local authority influence over the effects of the bill, more opportunities for co-ordination and comprehensive tendering for routes which is ruled out under the bill and to allow successful services like those in Tyne and Wear to continue for an experimental period.

There is considerable opposition to the bill in the Lords, largely because of its possible threat to subsidised rural services.

The Government whips believe that they could be facing more defeats on this measure than they have on the bill to abolish the Greater London Council and metropolitan councils.

The Government did have one supporter in Lord Peyton of Yeovil, a former Tory transport minister, attacked the bishop.

"I find this endless business of protest, criticism and desecration of the bill very unacceptable when an alternative is put forward."

Government nearer to adopting EEC regulations on pesticide limitation

By James Ertchmann, Chemicals Correspondent

Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, promised in a television programme last night to set maximum pesticide residue limits on all food grown in Britain, so apparently complying with EEC safety regulations.

The Department of Agriculture, where ministers privately believe the European rules to be excessive, specifically refused to set maximum residue levels for all domestic food consumed when they

drew up the Food and Environment Protection Bill now going through the third reading in the Commons.

Mrs Fenner said in Channel 4's "What It's Worth" programme that the Government intended to set maximum residue limits in the bill. "The Government was also prepared to allow the Health and Safety Executive to rehire 17 agricultural inspectors. The number of inspectors has fallen from 176 to 159 in the past three years."

But Mrs Fenner's unadmitted cause caused confusion in Whitehall. Ministry sources

denied that the Government was preparing any immediate climbdown. The part of the bill dealing with pesticide residues is expected to be debated next week.

A ministry spokesman subsequently explained that Mrs Fenner did not intend to give the impression that residue levels would be set on a British food before the bill becomes law.

But the Government now had "an open mind" and he hinted that statutory limits would be set when regulations were drafted later this year.

27 hurt in school bus

Twenty-seven children were taken to hospital suffering cuts, bruises and shock yesterday after a school bus collided with a lorry carrying ammonia at Apthorpe, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Neither the coach nor the tanker driver was injured, and there was no ammonia spillage. The coach was able to continue its journey and it was only when the children arrived at their school, Charlton Kings, Secondary, that it was discovered that some had injuries.

Biggest swap of spies

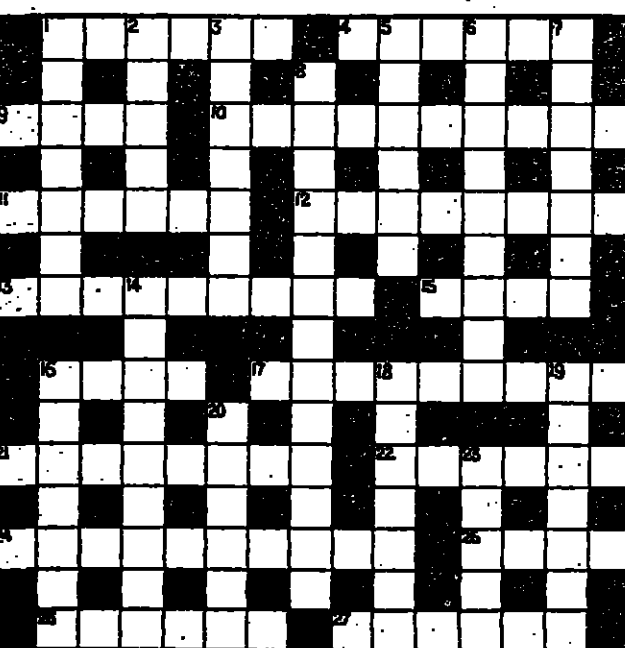
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The senior US official told reporters yesterday that the spy exchange did not mean that Washington would be ending its campaign against espionage. "We will continue to combat espionage with full vigour, and use all the force of the law against it," he said.

Asked if the exchange would pave the way for further exchanges involving Soviet citizens, such as the jailed Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov, the official said: "We are following cases such as Sakharov's very closely."

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- ACROSS**
- Free rag - it's not charged for (6).
 - Scotts at firm sailors in an ocean-going vessel (6).
 - A service seldom started by well-qualified people (4).
 - Food for phantoms! (10).
 - Nowadays the opening is loose (6).
 - Put off till test a particularly sharp tool (8).
 - Subdued and retiring creatures cut by the crowd (9).
 - Pretty good entertainment (4).
 - Carry a child one way (4).
 - Take turns, and so maybe aren't late (9).
 - With the old king even the French is most colourful! (8).
 - The salesman remained for another match (6).
- DOWN**
- An aristocrat, madly enraged (7).
 - The musician's very very good to a fool (5).
 - Force one to sum up about a particular favourite (7).
 - Fasten on a Greek character and interpose remarks (4, 2).
 - Exalt a fratricidal man to cause a disturbance (5, 4).
 - Politician according oriental coppers a certain prominence (7).
 - Some stars call on it - notes may be provided (13).
 - Fell back to be given medical attention again (9).
 - Row when a suggestion is made to include mounted soldiers (7) sent - that could be serious (13).
 - Push a quarter into river transport (7).
 - It's really hard to cut the horse's tail (6).
 - A Cockney linen-draper one reads (5).
- SOLUTION TOMORROW**

THE WEATHER

Very cool with rain

A DEPRESSION centred near eastern areas of England and Scotland is expected to move away slowly eastwards during the day.

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